

LONG CONFERENCE IN BERLIN OVER U. S. WARNING

Ambassador Gerard and Foreign Secretary Von Jagow Are Closeted 45 Minutes Following Presentation of American Note Regarding Safety of Ships.

EXPERT SAYS U. S. CANNOT COMPLAIN

Count Reventlow Declares American Vessels Will Enter War Zone at Own Risk and "Threats" Will Avail Nothing.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 13.—James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador, called on Gottlieb von Jagow, the German Foreign Secretary, at 6 o'clock last evening, and presented to him the American Government's note concerning the German sea war zone proclamation. The delivery of the note was followed by a conference between Mr. Gerard and the Foreign Minister, which lasted for three-quarters of an hour.

The German reply to Washington will be made in due course, and if the views repeatedly expressed in responsible quarters may be taken as a criterion it probably will point out that the German measure in making the sea around Great Britain a war zone is a fully justified answer to the British attempt to starve out the German nation, "women and children, as well as soldiers."

Lifting of Embargo Declared. It is believed also that the note will suggest that if the United States desires a mitigation of Germany's naval campaign, it would be well to induce Great Britain to lift her embargo on foodstuffs bound for Germany, which in the German interpretation of international law, is entirely illegal and unjustified. It will be added, it is believed, that if Great Britain persists in her embargo, the campaign against hostile merchantmen will go forward with full severity.

The text of the American note has not yet been made known to the German press and the comment upon the present has been based entirely on news agency dispatches.

The Koelnische Zeitung has republished prominently from the Tages Zeitung an article by Count von Reventlow, the naval chief, concerning Germany's declaration of a mine war zone in the North Sea. In this article Count von Reventlow refers to the report that the Washington Government intended to ask how Germany proposed to make neutral shipping safe in these waters, and says:

"This marine war zone was announced by the German Government for the very reason that the safety of navigation therein cannot be guaranteed. The vessels of neutral enter upon this war zone only at their own risk. This condition of affairs and the consequences it may bring after Feb. 18 cannot be changed or influenced by any representations or demands from Washington. It is equally out of the question that the identity of every ship with a neutral flag be ascertained. A submarine mine cannot learn this identity and such a course is equally impossible for a submarine boat."

U. S. Ships Take Risk. In concluding his article, Count von Reventlow says:

"The German declaration in itself must furnish proof to Americans that the possible destruction of American ships after Feb. 18 cannot afford the Washington Government any ground for complaint of any nature against the German Government, but that the American Government and the shippers themselves must bear the responsibility if they permit their vessels to enter this war zone."

"We gather the impression here from expressions reaching Germany from across the water that if the American people believe they can handle the German Government as they desire by pressure and threats they will fool themselves."

Disappointment that neutral powers have not asked specific guaranty from England that she desist from the misuse of neutral flag, is expressed by the Kreuze Zeitung, which says such guaranties are improbable now since "the most powerful" neutral has not even protested decidedly. The paper asserts that submarine arms and ammunition "not to mention armpits support of our enemies" "now tolerated" cannot be reconciled with President Wilson's unobjectionable interpretation of true neutrality at the beginning of the war.

"No Consideration by England." The Kreuze Zeitung declares that, although Great Britain's reply to the protest of the United States' complaint concerning the detention of merchant ships was almost wholly negative, it was accepted quietly in America, as is the present misuse of the flag.

The paper then asks: "Is it any wonder that England now shows not the slightest consideration for the United States as is illustrated by the seizure of the Wilhelmshafen? Let nobody say America proves its neutrality by..."

MAY WHEAT DROPS 8½ CENTS IN AN EXCITED MARKET

Anxiety Over War Developments Brings Out Flood of Selling Orders.

May wheat declined 8½ cents a bushel on the Merchants' Exchange today. The lowest price touched on the day's trading was \$1.46½ a bushel, compared with \$1.55 at yesterday's close.

The market opened from one to two cents lower with early sales at \$1.54 and \$1.53, the drop to \$1.46½ quickly followed the opening, amid great excitement in the trading pit. There seemed to be an avalanche of selling orders and everybody was trying to "get from under."

The break resulted from liquidation based on weak Liverpool cables, anxiety over the result of the administration's diplomatic notes to Germany and England, and uncertainty surrounding American exports, owing to Germany's "war zone" proclamation.

Commission houses took all offerings at the low price and a quick rally followed to \$1.49. The market closed at \$1.48½.

July wheat, from a close Wednesday at \$1.31½, declined to \$1.29. It rallied later to \$1.29 and closed at \$1.29½.

HUSBAND SAYS WIFE WAS AT HOME 31 MONTHS IN 18 YEARS

Divorce Granted to East St. Louis Merchant Who Testified to Defendant's Long Visits.

Francis J. Byrne, an East St. Louis shoe merchant, seeking a divorce from Mrs. Lora Byrne on the ground of desertion, added days, weeks and months together in Judge Flannagan's court yesterday and computed that during the 18 years since they were married, his wife had been with him 31 months. The jury gave a decree to him.

Mrs. Byrne brought witnesses into court to testify that Byrne bought ice cream soda for young women, but Judge Flannagan ruled that such testimony was not competent in the case. Byrne testified that his wife made long visits to her mother at Bushnell, Ill.

AUTOS MUST HAVE 1915 TAGS

Drivers Without New Licenses Will Be Arrested Monday.

Drivers of motor vehicles of all kinds with expired tags on the streets Monday without a 1915 license tag will be arrested by order of Chief Young.

Only 4500 licenses had been issued up to today by License Collector Alt, and it is estimated 6000 motor vehicles in the city are unlicensed. There were 10,448 licenses issued last year for motor vehicles.

RAIN, COLDER TONIGHT BUT FAIR TOMORROW

THE TEMPERATURES.

2 a. m.	31.1	a. m.	35.0
5 a. m.	31.1	p. m.	35.0
8 a. m.	31.1	moon	35.0
11 a. m.	31.1		

Yesterday's Temperatures.

High, 69 at 2 p. m. Low, 54 at 4 a. m.

VALENTINES IN EUROPE ARE DELIVERED BY AERO POST

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Rain and colder tonight; tomorrow, fair and colder; the lowest temperature tonight will be above the freezing point; strong shifting winds.

Missouri—Rain and colder tonight; tomorrow, generally fair and colder.

Illinois—Rain tonight and tomorrow, probably turning to snow in northern portion; tomorrow warmer in extreme northeast portion tonight, colder tomorrow.

Stage of the river: 13.3 feet; a rise of 1 of a foot.

Responsive Home Circulation Insures Results

That judicious advertising in a medium backed with responsive home circulation insures results was again proven Friday when the POST-DISPATCH, as it has done on many previous occasions, carried more of the St. Louis merchants' display advertising than its three nearest competitors combined.

The measurements were:

POST-DISPATCH Alone, 56 Columns

while its three nearest competitors—the Globe-Democrat, Republic and Times—combined carried only

47 Columns

If you want to be one of these satisfied advertisers who are getting immediate and profitable results use

St. Louis' ONE BIG Newspaper

Circulation Last Week:

Daily (except Sunday), 180,162

Sunday - - - - - 347,437

First in Everything.

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COMPETITION BY JITNEYS RESULTS IN NEW CAR LINE

United Railways Announces "Euclid" Division Will Be Installed on Olive.

12 AUTOS RUNNING TODAY

Machines Took \$140 in Revenue Yesterday, Manager Asserts; Many Women Passengers.

The jitney automobile service has grown in a week into such a formidable competitive factor in the transportation problem of St. Louis that the United Railways announced today that beginning Monday it would put into operation eight or ten additional street cars on the Olive-Delmar line between Euclid avenue and Fourth street.

In yesterday's competition United Railways lost \$140 in fares to the jitneys. Twelve automobiles were in passenger service this morning on the route from Taylor avenue and Delmar boulevard to Fourth street and Washington avenue. A four-minute schedule was maintained, all automobiles were crowded, and many passengers who wished to use the line were unable to get accommodations.

New Line to Be Established.

United Railways will establish a new Olive line to be known as the "Euclid."

The cars will start at Euclid avenue, following the route of the Delmar cars on the eastbound trip, and on the return trip they will follow the route of the University line to Euclid avenue. There they will turn north to Delmar boulevard. On the eastbound trip the cars will pass the western terminus of the jitney line at Taylor avenue and Delmar boulevard.

The jitney owners declared today that they were well satisfied with their business. Last night there was a meeting of 45 owners of automobiles, who agreed to incorporate the Motors Service Co. within the next 60 days. Stock subscriptions will be limited to the owners of cars in service. Transportation risks, they said, will then be assumed by the company, instead of by the individual owners of the cars, and a profit-sharing plan will be devised.

Cars Were All Crowded.

Every five-passenger car leaving the western terminus of the jitney line carried not less than eight passengers this morning. It was estimated by Manager William D. Fears that 450 passengers were carried by the jitneys between 6:30 and 8:30 a. m.

A large motor truck, newly equipped with a passenger body and accommodations for 30 passengers, made its appearance at the western terminus of the route and was pressed into service during the morning rush. The managers, however, found a bus of that capacity a poor investment for any but the rush hours of the day, due to the fact that the "fans" were unwilling to wait the arrival of a bus full of passengers before departure.

Round Trip in 30 Minutes.

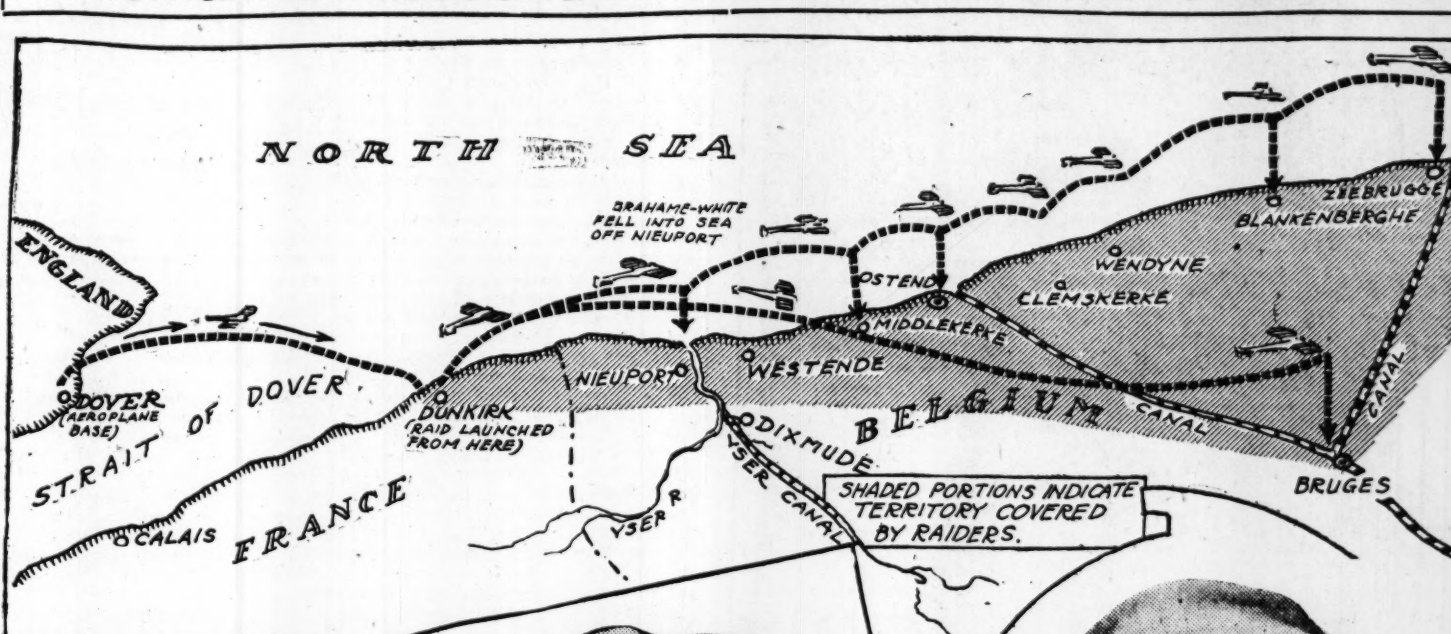
After 9 a. m. the jitney service was reduced to a six-minute schedule, and cars made the round trip in 30 minutes. Because of wet pavements all jitney cars were equipped with chains on their tires.

Each of the 14 cars in service yesterday earned \$10, Fears said. About one-half of this was profit, and the other half represented the cost of operation.

There was such a demand for the jitneys during the rush hours yesterday that one westbound six-passenger car was carrying 17 persons when it reached Taylor avenue. The jitney drivers were warned by the police not to allow passengers to stand on the running boards. Men on the jitneys show much greater concern for the women passengers than they do on street cars. Many men who

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Map Showing Extent of Aeroplane Raid Against German Submarine Bases and Two British Aviators Who Took Part



MYSTERIOUS MAN AT BANQUET WEARS LINCOLN MAKEUP

Walks Into New York Hotel Dining Room, Gives Brief Talk and Disappears.

By Licensed Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Gov. Charles S. Whitman was to have been the chief speaker last night at the Republican Club's annual Lincoln day dinner. He spoke, but the dinner, which was attended by about 600 Republicans, was interrupted in a most unusual way.

Just about the time the entire was being served a tall individual, made up to represent President Lincoln, dressed in the sort of clothes Lincoln used to wear and having on his head the tall, straight-sided stovepipe hat of the vintage of '61, strode into the banquet hall of the Waldorf.

This man, whoever he was, walked right across the room, stopped at a far table and, without removing his hat, shook hands with a man who, it appeared later, did not know him. The diners stopped talking and eating and a few applauded, evidently thinking some "stunt" was in progress.

As the individual continued his conversation the general chatter was resumed. Then the pseudo Lincoln clapped his hands two or three times, obtained silence and said in a low voice:

"Gentlemen, attention. I am a Democrat trying to speak as a Republican would speak nowadays, but that's a joke."

That is what Charles D. Hilles, who was nearby, heard him say. William Loeb Jr. thought he said this:

"I am a Democrat, representing Abraham Lincoln. A Republican, it's a joke. Democrats and Republicans know no party differences."

With that, or whatever it was he said, the masquerader strode across the room again and out of the place before anyone could stop him. There were a few handclaps and a little laughter, but most of the diners, and particularly the dinner committee, were puzzled.

Fifteen minutes later, after some of the committee members had talked with James R. Sheffield, the president of the club and toastmaster, the latter rapped for order and announced:

Not Authorized by Committee.

"On behalf of the committee I want to say that the disturbance which happened a short time ago was neither a part of nor authorized by any member of the committee. We would not countenance such a thing as a burlesque of Abraham Lincoln."

Who the man was, or why he acted as he did the members of the dinner committee, though they went without the rest of the dinner, could not learn. The hotel manager found that the individual had entered the hotel dressed as he appeared in the banquet hall.

He went first to the bar and had a drink; then took the elevator to a floor above the banquet hall, walking down the stairs and into the midst of the diners without interference. When he left he skipped nimbly down the main stairway, the tails of his long swallow tail floating out behind him, and went right on street cars. Many men who

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CLAUDE GRAHAME-WHITE



LIEUT. JOHN CYRIL PORTE

PATROLMAN FIRES THrice AT MAN ON SLEEPING PORCH

Patrick O'Neill Explains He Thought Flint Garrison Was a Burglar.

Flint Garrison of 5835 Bartmer avenue, publisher of a trade journal, who sleeps on the second story front porch of his home, was the target about 2:15 o'clock this morning for three shots fired by a policeman who had mistaken him for a burglar.

Patrolman Patrick J. O'Neill of the Page Boulevard Station, in explaining the affair, reported he was walking on the south side of Bartmer avenue when he saw a man on the porch of the Garrison home. He crossed the street and after receiving no reply to three commands to the man to come down, fired three bullets at him. One bullet went through a window near the man, who then hastened inside. The other bullets went wild. The shots aroused sleepers in neighboring houses and while windows were being raised and heads were peering out, the policeman rang the doorbell of the Garrison home.

Garrison, in his pajamas, answered the doorbell and demanded to know why he had been shot at. The policeman asked Garrison why he had not come down when ordered. Garrison replied the policeman had no right to order him off his own porch, and that he made no reply for that reason. He explained it was his custom to sleep on the porch and when fired upon was fastening a canvas curtain that was flapping in the wind.

Garrison, at his offices today, said he heard the patrolman's orders, but did not know they were directed at him. He continued working at the time, until the policeman began firing, and then he ran inside. Garrison is president of the Tradesman Publishing Co., and editor of The Drygoodsman, 1627 Washington avenue.

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SEATTLE LUMBER MAN DISAPPEARS ON A TRIP HERE

Louis G. Raymond Had \$3000 When He Departed for St. Louis.

L. E. Kitchen of Marion, Ind., arrived in St. Louis today and asked police assistance in his search for Louis G. Raymond, 37 years old, president of the L. G. Raymond Lumber Co. of Seattle, Wash., who left his wife in Marion, Feb. 5 and came to St. Louis on business with \$3000 in his pocket.

Raymond, when he left Marion, bought a round trip ticket good only until Feb. 8, and his wife expected him to return last Tuesday or Wednesday. Mrs. Raymond received a post card from her husband dated at St. Louis Sunday, Feb. 7, saying he had arrived here and had attended mass that morning at St. John's Church. Since then she has heard nothing from him.

Raymond and his wife were called to Marion three weeks ago because of the death of Raymond's father. They remained there while the estate was being settled by Kitchen, who had been appointed administrator. Kitchen gave Raymond a draft for \$300 and two drafts for \$500 each, his share of the estate. These drafts, Kitchen said, were cashed by Raymond in Marion and he had the money with him when he left there.

Raymond came to St. Louis, Kitchen said, to consult with George W. Miles of the Miles Timber and Lumber Co., in the Wright Building, with a view to establishing a branch of his own firm here. Raymond, Kitchen said, had frequently discussed with his wife the question of starting a branch in St. Louis, and they had agreed that if he found conditions right he would make his home here.

Miles, when seen today by Kitchen, was much surprised at Raymond's failure to keep the appointment, made by telegraph, for last Monday.

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DOZIER ARRESTED DESPITE SMILE BY A PRETTY WOMAN

Policeman Says Companion Tried to Save Him From Speeding Charge—Fined \$10.

Lewis D. Dozier Jr., 27 years old, of 10 Westmoreland place, was fined \$10 in police court this morning for speeding along Lindell boulevard in an auto yesterday afternoon. Cryptic remarks by Judge Hogan disclosed how a pretty young woman companion tried to keep a policeman from arresting Dozier.

Patrolman Rauh had testified Dozier was going 25 miles an hour between Boyle and Euclid avenues. Dozier denied he was exceeding the speed limit.

"Weren't you too busy talking to a young lady to realize how fast you were going?" Judge Hogan asked. "I had my eye on the speedometer all the time," Dozier replied.

Policeman Says She Pleaded.

"Wasn't there something said about smiling?" the Judge asked. "There's nothing to that, your Honor," Dozier answered, with an air of being somewhat flustered.

Nothing more was said about the young woman in the court room, but Rauh declared afterward that when the machine came to a stop at his order, the young woman pleaded with him not to arrest Dozier. She mentioned the name of a society woman who was arrested for speeding recently and declared she wished nothing of the kind to happen to her.

"But I am going to arrest you," Rauh said he told her.

Smiles at Policeman.

"Well, you wouldn't arrest him if I smiled at you right sweetly," she rejoined, smiling at the action to the words.

Rauh admitted it was a smile that was hard to withstand, and muttered something about "making fish of one" and "fowl of the other," but insisted he must do his duty.

The girl then seized the steering wheel, the policeman said, and promised she would drive carefully the rest of the way. The policeman reminded her that she was not at the wheel when the machine was speeding. The upshot of it was that the policeman permitted Dozier to drive the young woman to the Kingsbury Apartments and then go to a police station and give bond. The policeman said he did not learn the young woman's name.

SLAYER OF CHILD IS HANGED

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Roswell C. F. Smith was hanged here today for the murder of Hazel Watson, 4 years old. His execution was the sixtieth hanging in Cook County.

GERMAN LOSSES FROM RAID BY 34 AVIATORS SLIGHT

Berlin Declares Regrettable Damage Was Done to Civil Population in Visit of British Aeroplanes to Belgian Coast Towns, but Military Loss Is Small.

Claude Grahame-White Falls Into Sea, but Is Rescued and All Machines Return to Base Without Material Injury.

Waters came from the German base at Zebrugg, and the latest air raid is only, it is felt here, the preliminary to even greater efforts to end the submarine menace from Zebrugg, and thereby nullify the German "war zone" order.

That Squadron Commander Porté should have taken part in person in the raid, is taken as a strong indication of the importance attached to the attempt by the Admiralty. Hitherto Lieut. Porté has been kept on duty at the Admiralty, where, it was felt, his knowledge of practical aeronautics, and his wide experience in over-sea flight, made him invaluable.

At the time of the raid, according to official announcement in Berlin, warships bombarded the German positions on the Belgian coast.

Almost simultaneously, it appears, with the British coast raid, five French aeroplanes raided a German aerial base at Habbheim, an Alsatian town a few miles from Mulhausen.

Mrs. Grahame-White, in New York, is NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, wife of the British aviator, has been in New York since November. She was formerly Miss Dorothy Taylor of New York. She received a cable message from her husband Monday, stating that he had that day received orders to go to the front at once and that he would depart the next day. The wife will return to England as quickly as possible.

Grahame-White made several trips to the United States, on one of which, in the fall of 1910, he earned \$75,000 in prizes. He has been in several accidents, but never was injured seriously.

BERLIN HAPPY OVER BIG VICTORY

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 12.—The morning papers hail the German victory in East Prussia, won under the eyes of Emperor William, as removing further danger of an invasion of that province. They point to the Russian report of the battle as an indication of the completeness of the defeat, as it admits that the Russians are falling back to the protection of their chain of fortresses. The victory is especially prized because of the frustration of plans for a strong offensive which the Russians are believed to have been preparing in that region.

The capture of 20,000 prisoners, reported in the German official communication, means that virtually an entire army corps has been put out of the fighting. The fact that the number of guns captured is comparatively small is commented upon in some quarters as indicating that the Russians, who are already to have lost a third of their artillery through capture, are now insufficiently equipped in this arm of the service.

The children in the schools received a holiday and flags are flying all over the city in honor of the victory.

Today's official statement regarding the operations in East Prussia and Poland says:

"On both sides of the East Prussian frontier our operations are everywhere progressing successfully. Wherever the enemy attempted to resist his opposition is quickly broken.

"In Poland, on the right bank of the Vistula, our attacking troops crossed the Lower Silesia and are proceeding in the direction of Radacow."

German troops took 20,000 prisoners. Yesterday's official statement, which told of the victory, was as follows:

"The Emperor has arrived on the battlefield on the East Prussian frontier. Our operations there forced the Russians rapidly to give up their positions east of the Masurian Lakes. At some places the fighting is continuing. So far about 20,000 prisoners have been made. More than 20 guns and 30 machine guns have been taken. The amount of war material taken cannot yet be estimated.

"In Poland, on the right bank of the Vistula, the Germans continued the offensive reported yesterday. They took Sieradz and made some hundreds of prisoners.

"On the left bank of the Vistula there is no change."

"In the western theater only artillery duels took place. The enemy expended an enormous amount of ammunition against German positions in Champagne without gaining any success worth mentioning. Near Souain the enemy attempted an infantry attack, but was repulsed with the loss of 120 prisoners.

"The number of prisoners in the Argonne was reported yesterday to have been increased by one officer and 119 men. Northwest of Verdun several of the enemy's trenches were taken. A French counter attack, made under a Geneva flag, was repulsed with considerable loss for the enemy. The fortress of Verdun was shelled by German aviators with about 100 bombs. At Sudelkopf, in the Vosges, the French succeeded in capturing a small outpost trench in front of the German positions."

"The Geneva flag reported to above is the emblem of the Red Cross, adopted at the international convention at Geneva in 1864.

Today's official statement speaks of operations in the west as follows:

"On the extreme western front artillery ammunition was found which doubtless originated in American factories."

"The number of prisoners taken during the attacks which were repulsed yesterday to the west of Souain was increased today by four officers and 71 men. Before our front 250 of the enemy's men were found killed, while our losses in these engagements in killed and injured amounted to 90 men."

"North of Massiges, to the northwest of St. Menould another 1500 meters (1312 yards) of the French positions were taken in continuation of our attacks of Feb. 5."

"The enemy attempted to make an attack on the Sudelkopf, in the Vosges, but was everywhere repulsed without difficulty."

German Artillery Violently Bombards Newport and Dunne.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The War Office's official report issued this afternoon says: "From the sea to the Lys the Germans yesterday bombarded violently Newport and the country of the dunes. Their artillery fired on Ypres during the night of Feb. 11-12 and on positions to the east of Ypres during the day of Feb. 12. Our artillery replied to this fire effectively."

"In the region of Arras near Car-

Girl Who Stands Off Policemen at House Boat With a Revolver



NETTIE SMITH.

Bill to Prohibit Sale of Absinthe Passed in France

PARIS, Feb. 12.—

THE Chamber of Deputies yesterday adopted the bill prohibiting the sale of absinthe. Indemnities will be granted to manufacturers later. The bill also applies to Algeria and the Colonies and will be proposed for adoption by the protectors. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Deputy Edouard Lachaud, a radical Republican, said in debate: "Absinthe suppression is only the commencement. We will arrive at the suppression of all similar appetizers."

eney, we caused the explosion of two mines situated at outposts held by the enemy.

"On the Somme, between the Oise and the Aisne, as well as in Champagne there was yesterday great activity on the part of the artillery of both sides.

"Some 10 aviators have flown over the region of Verdun. The bombs thrown by them did no damage. During the night of Feb. 11-12 there were two German attacks on our trenches in the forest of Caures to the north of Verdun, which were repulsed.

"In Lorraine the German attack on our positions at Arracourt reported in our report of last night, was led by one company, while at the same time another German company endeavored with no greater success to occupy our positions at Renzey."

"In Alsace the enemy has bombarded the positions which we took Feb. 12 in the vicinity of Mount Sudelkopf. Because of the thorough organization of our trenches, the effects of this bombardment were insignificant."

Last night's announcement said the French light infantry had captured Hill No. 96 in the region of Hartmann-Werkopf in a violent snowstorm.

Two Missing British Ships Believed to Have Been Torpedoed.

HAVRE, Feb. 12.—Shipping circles here now consider it virtually certain that the British steamer Oriole was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The last time the vessel is known to have been seen was at 2 p. m. Jan. 30, near Dungeness in company with the London steamer London Trader which is also missing. There is equal certainty that the London Trader shared the fate of the Oriole. A British steamer, while at the same time, was captured by a German submarine, a survivor of the Trader, was landed there by the steamer Poland, the captain of which stated another ship whose name he could not give, had saved three sailors from the Trader.

The Oriole crew numbered 21 men. The British admiralty expressed the opinion Feb. 9 that she had been sunk by a German torpedo.

LIMBER UP! GET OUT THE KINKS

Aching, rheumatic joints, sciatica, lumbago, backache can all be done away with by using a little judicious. In most cases these troubles are caused by a clogging of the kidneys. Try points of that time-honored remedy, SLOAN'S LINIMENT. It will loosen up those stiffened muscles and make you feel like a new man. Sold by reliable druggists. Imported by SLOAN'S LINIMENT CO., the original and genuine.

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WILHELMINA'S CARGO LIKELY TO GO TO BELGIANS

LONDON, Feb. 12.—

London Expects St. Louis Ship, Intended for Germany, Will Be Sold.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—There is every indication in London today that the cargo of foodstuffs on the American steamship Wilhelmina now in Falmouth harbor will not go through a prize court, but will be sold to the American Commission for Relief in Belgium. While the cargo still is in the charge of the customs officials the British Government offers no objection to its sale without a prize court decision.

In fact it is generally believed the avoidance of such a decision would be a relief to all quarters concerned because of the danger of establishing a precedent for regarding foodstuffs destined for civilians of a belligerent country as prize contraband.

The owners of the vessel at first asked the same price for the cargo as they would have received for it in Germany. The American commission was unwilling to pay this amount. The cargo was shipped by a St. Louis commission company.

Bernstorff Seen Bryan Regarding Wilhelmina Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, discussed with Secretary Bryan today the case of the American steamer Wilhelmina, whose cargo of foodstuffs, destined to civilians in Germany, is held by British authorities at Falmouth. The Ambassador reiterated that the attempt which he declared, Great Britain was making to starve the civil population of his country by preventing foodstuffs from entering Germany, would have to be met by Germany's attempt to cut off commerce with the British Isles.

In that connection the Ambassador reiterated, on behalf of his Government, that binding assurances would be given by Germany that none of the foodstuffs imported would be used by the army or for other military purposes and felt such assurance should be accepted by this Government and used as the basis in considering the Wilhelmina case.

SCHAPER CO., LIABILITIES \$462,194; ASSETS, \$277,348

Defunct Mercantile Firm Files List of Indebtedness and Bills Receivable.

The Schaper Bros. Mercantile Co., for which a receiver recently was appointed, filed a schedule of its assets and liabilities in the Federal court today. The liabilities are listed at \$462,194.16 and the assets at \$277,348.82.

The company, according to the schedule, owes \$82,500 to the Montrose Garment Co. of St. Louis, \$17,418.56 to the Carleton Dry Goods Co., \$15,353.55 to the Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Co., \$230.40 to the Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co., \$30,000 to the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis and \$100,000 to the Central National Bank and \$100,000 on the lease of the company's quarters at Eighth street and Washington avenue.

Among the assets are listed bills due the company on open accounts, \$48,747.42.

Christmas Ship Sails Again.

MARSHFIELD, Feb. 12.—The United States collier Jason, which brought to Europe a cargo of toys as Christmas gifts for war orphans, sailed today for San Francisco with the French exhibit for the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

POLICEMAN FIRES AT FLEEING BOY IN BUSY STREET

Patrolmen on Car See Youths Suspected of Shoe Theft, Jump Off; Four Arrested.

A policeman running down a busy street in the noon lunch hour firing his revolver to stop a 15-year-old boy caused excitement in the neighborhood of Tenth street and St. Louis avenue today.

It was the thrilling climax to efforts made by Patrolmen Miller and Reed of the North Market Street District to round up a gang of boys suspected of having robbed a box car of the C. & E. I. Railroad at the foot of Benton street and it was the second exciting adventure Miller and Reed had in trying to trace the thieves.

First Held at Bay by Girl.

Yesterday afternoon when Miller, Reed and another policeman went to the houseboat of David P. Smith Jr., at the foot of Bremen avenue, to look for Smith's son, 19 years old, they were held off by Miss Nettie Smith, 15-year-old sister of the young man. She pointed a loaded revolver at them and forbade them to search the houseboat.

About 12:30 p. m. today Miller and Reed were passing on a street car when they saw four boys come out of a shoe store near Tenth street and St. Louis avenue. New shoes were sticking out of the pockets of each boy. The policeman jumped from the car. They caught three of the boys, but the fourth ran. While Reed held the three prisoners Miller followed the fugitive.

In a chase of about two blocks down St. Louis avenue the policeman fired his revolver three times. The last shot stopped the boy, who said he was Walter Kinsella, 1918 Palm street. The others said they were Raymond Harrison, 17, 919 Tyler street; Henry Bruce, 16, 906 Tyler street and Gus Schraeder, 16, 1531 Mallinckrodt street.

They Admitted Robbery.

After questioning the boys half an hour Capt. Hanna of North Market Street Station reported they admitted robbing the box car.

The goods stolen from the car were 2 yards of cloth, three skirts, two suits and four pairs of shoes.

After the arrest the police admitted they were mistaken in suspecting Elmer Smith, whom they sought at his father's houseboat.

Complained Them to Halt.

Nettie had heard the conversation at the door and ran into the front room. As the policeman started to enter she leveled a revolver at them and commanded them to halt.

"You've got no right to come in here without a warrant," she said.

The girl held off the policeman until her mother ran into the room and took them in turn. One of the policemen in turn took the revolver from Mrs. Smith and she and her daughter were taken to the North Market Street Station. There they saw a pile of merchandise on a desk and heard a policeman say it had been stolen from box cars along the river front.

Mrs. Smith was led before a woman who was sitting in the police station. This woman said: "No, that isn't the mother of the Elmer Smith whom I know."

The policeman in charge of the station then said a mistake had been made and Mrs. Smith and her daughter were released. Mrs. Smith was told to be ready to produce Nettie in the juvenile court in case the three policemen decided to charge her with flourishing a deadly weapon at them.

Prince Albert Rejoins Ship.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Prince Albert, son of King George, who was operated on for appendicitis last September, has been passed by the Medical Board and has rejoined his ship.

Clogged-Up Liver Causes Headache

It's a foolish proceeding to suffer from constipation, sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, indigestion and kindred ailments when CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS will do all the work in a few hours. Purely vegetable. Act gently on liver and bowels.

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Long Conference in Berlin as U. S. Note Is Presented

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accepting Germany's declaration of submarine warfare in the same spirit as England's abuse of neutral flags."

BRITISH PRESS SEES NO TROUBLE

Believes Neutral Flags Will Be Hoisted Only to Protect Neutrals on Ships.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—That the Government will have no difficulty in giving a satisfactory reply to the American note on the use of the American flag by British merchantmen is the contention of the afternoon papers of London, which virtually unite in expressing the opinion that a neutral flag will be used by British vessels only as intimation to German warships that there are neutral passengers and goods aboard.

The Fall Mail Gazette attaches "immense significance to the phrase in the American note to Germany—'or cause the death of American citizens'—as meaning that American aboard British ships will be equally protected by the home Government as those on board American ships."

The Evening Standard, basing its judgment on the tenor of the American notes, says:

"It is plain in which direction America looks for the possibility of trouble. If Germany does not now understand the meaning of the note and realize the false position into which she has been led by the arrogance of the official minds in Berlin, she must abide by the issue."

The Cunard Line steamer Lusitania, which flew the American flag against the Irish Sea on her last trip in as a measure of protection against German submarines, sailed from Liverpool for New York at a usual hour today under the British flag. Whether this emblem still would be flying when the Lusitania reached the Irish Sea was a question to which the keenly interested passengers found it impossible to obtain an answer.

The Lusitania carried a large list of passengers, including many of the Prospective American passengers to the number of 500, however, canceled their bookings on the Lusitania at the last moment and transferred to the American line steamer St. Paul, which also sailed for New York today. The St. Paul had the largest passenger list since the rush of American refugees last fall.

The Daily Mail says it believes the Government will announce a complete blockade of the German coast, as a result of which all goods to Germany by sea will be liable to seizure.

The Chronicle, discussing the American note to Germany, says: "There is uncompromising directness about its expressions, the significance of which will not be lost in Berlin. This strong remonstrance from the greatest of neutral Powers may have a chastening effect on Germany. The New York World quite truly says its language is almost that of an ultimatum. So far as we can judge by the summaries that have reached this side, there is no cause for complaint in the character of the American note to this country."

SAIG UNDER HIS PILLOW STOLEN

L. B. Robinson Reports Robbery and Police Seek Missing Negro.

L. B. Robinson of 4211 McLee avenue, a coal dealer, told the police that \$416 kept in a purse disappeared from beneath the pillow of his bed while he was at dinner last night. A negro housemaid, who failed to appear for work this morning, is being sought by the police.

Interviewed Notes.

In the course of his career Mr. Creelman distinguished himself by interviewing at length Pope Leo XIII, King George of Greece, President Faure of France, Blismark, the Emperor of Korea, Louis Kossuth and Tolstol. As editorial writer he occupied in turn many important places on New York newspapers and magazines. He was president of the Municipal Civil Service Commission of New York under the late Mayor Gaynor.

Mr. Creelman was the author of several books. He was a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of clubs in London and New York. He married Miss Alice M. Buell of Ohio in 1882. She and three children survive him. His New York residence was 9 West Eighty-third street.

Melshelmer's Entertainers.

Members of the Elks will be entertained Sunday evening in the Rathskeller at the club building, 307 Lindell boulevard, by the popular cabaret entertainers from Melshelmer's restaurant. A cabaret dinner will be served for members of the club and their families.

The program has been arranged by "Low" Melshelmer. He promises a good lively show. For the entertainment he has Earl Taylor and Ethel Arnold, who have been the hits of this season at Melshelmer's and they have several new songs which they will sing that evening. Others who will entertain are "Charles" E. Hay, "Babe" and "Halle" sisters in piano and violin selections and Miss Hart, soprano.

TEXAS COMPTROLLER ENJOINED FROM PAYING BILL FOR SALAD

Court to Pass on Appropriation for \$1600 for Refreshments for Former Governor.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 12.—Although a deficiency appropriation by including an item of \$1600 for "chicken salad and punch" used at the executive mansion when former Gov. Colquhoun was in office, has been approved by Gov. Ferguson in spite of the ruling of the Attorney General that the appropriation was unconstitutional, the dealer who furnished edibles probably will not get his money until the courts have settled certain points.

W. C. Middleton, a member of the Legislature, last night obtained injunction to prevent the State Comptroller from paying for the salad and punch.

The bill caused a fight in the Legislature and Attorney-General Looney held that salad and punch came under the head of groceries, which could not legally be bought for the Governor by the State. Gov. Ferguson said the State had the same right to pay for the items as it had to furnish ice water to the Attorney-General.

Daughter Helped Also.

"I gave it to my daughter when she was thirteen years old. She was in school and was a nervous wreck, and could not sleep nights. Now she looks so healthy and contented, missing three-fourths of the joy of living, when they can find health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound!"

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

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JAMES CREELMAN DIES: NOTED WAR CORRESPONDENT

Bright's Disease and Heart Complications Prove Fatal to Him in Berlin.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—James Creelman, editor, writer and war correspondent, died in Berlin yesterday of Bright's disease and heart complications. He was 55 years old.

Perhaps Creelman's greatest accomplishment as a war correspondent, one that proved his humane spirit and high sense of duty, was during the Chinese-Japanese War in 1894, when he represented the New York World. He withdrew from "Field Marshal" Ouyang's forces at Port Arthur and returned his military pass to the Japanese Foreign Minister that he might be free to tell civilized society through the columns of the New York World of the butchery of 2500 unarmed Manchus by the Japanese army. He did so graphically.

The Japanese Government and press denounced him violently. But four years later, at a public banquet in New York, Mr. Saki, one of the Japanese Imperial Commissioners, made a speech in which he acknowledged frankly that Mr. Creelman had rendered a valuable service to Nippon. Since then the conduct of the Japanese army in war has been irreproachable.

Born in Montreal, Nov. 12, 1860, Mr. Creelman came to New York when he was scarcely 12 years old. He worked a good part of the year. Then his ambition was to cultivate his powerful boy soprano voice. This gift drew to him the attention of the Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg, who obtained for him employment in the office of Church and State, then the official organ of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Creelman learned the business of printing thoroughly and finally drifted into the office of the Brooklyn Eagle. Thomas Kinsella, proprietor of the Eagle, encouraged him to write. To Kinsella Creelman submitted his first poem and Kinsella told him frankly the poetry was bad. So Creelman promptly deserted the muse.

Exciting Career as Reporter.

As a reporter Mr. Creelman had many exciting experiences. By him Gen. Custer's tragic death was described in detail. Through an interpreter he interviewed Sitting Bull—Creelman floated down the Mississippi River with Paul Boynton who invented a life-saving suit, anyone wearing it could not sink. Boynton claimed Creelman in company with Boynton affixed a dummy bomb to a vessel anchored in New York Harbor and got away undetected. They wished to prove that it would be easy to blow up an enemy ship.

Beside he had many important interviews with American and foreign statesmen and public men. He had a vast acquaintance and a wide knowledge of affairs.

As correspondent for other New York newspapers Mr. Creelman reported the Greco-Turkish war in 1897, the Spanish-American war and the Philippine war. He captured a Spanish flag and was most seriously wounded after he received the surrender of a Spanish officer and four soldiers at El Caney, Cuba, in 1898, where he fought with great bravery.

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Melshelmer's Entertainers.

STAND DOWN EAST BANQUET STIRRED BY 3 SHOW GIRLS

Daring Acts Cause Business Men's Wives to Leave Dinner at Great Barrington, Mass.

POLICE MAKE INQUIRY

Arrests Threatened After Performance by Hired Cabaret Entertainers.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—This ultra-conservative little city up here in the Berkshire Hills, despite snow and ice, continues all "hot up" over the going-on at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday night. Wives and daughters were admitted to the gallery of the town hall, but after the first appearance of three show girls every woman spectator left the building. There is a report that one or more of the women demanded that their husbands leave, too, but this is denied by D. B. Cornell, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Representations were made to the town authorities about the character of the entertainment, and the Board of Selectmen asked Chief of Police William S. Ouchman to investigate and if he could find evidence that the performance had been immoral, to arrest those concerned in the arrangements for the banquet.

"I do not know when arrests will be made, but they will come," said Chief Ouchman. "I am looking up witnesses. I have found a statute that covers this case and the matter will not be permitted to go unnoted by the town authorities."

Show Girls in Seamy Attire.
Three show girls, wearing costumes that were of seamy type, mingled with the guests, stroking their whiskers and kissing the bald heads of banqueters. "I was invited to speak at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, and accepted in perfectly good faith, just as I have accepted invitations to speak in many other parts of the State," said Secretary of State Langtry today. "As a counter attraction the management offered three charming young women from New York who put on a program of lively 'stunts.' Some of the entertainment took place before my turn came to speak. When my turn came, I said what I had to say, and then I left, for obvious reasons. The incident has been a cause of great embarrassment to me."

The Secretary's story deals only with the milder events of the early part of the evening. It is understood much happened after he departed. Concerning those happenings, 16 of the 14 men who saw them had not a word to say.

"When the banquet opened about 150 men were seated at the tables in the hall, and in the gallery were about 50 women, some with their daughters," said Secretary Langtry. "Toward the close of the dinner three girls, typical cabaret singers, walked into the hall. One wore lights, and her bodice was cut as low as nature would permit. Two others wore evening gowns, with their faces lavishly decorated with cosmetics."

"First they sang. Their voices sounded like tin pans, and the songs were suggestive. Then the girl who wore the lights told a story—three of them—all too indecent to be repeated. Before the first story was completed I noticed the gallery was empty. Every woman had left the hall."

"After the story-telling the girls went among the men, sat in their laps, and did other stunts which some of the banqueters called 'typical cabaret.' Church Worker Was Toastmaster.
"A man who, I was told, is prominent in a Great Barrington church, was toastmaster and chairman of the committee of arrangements. He seemed to be very well satisfied with the show. In fact, he laughed heartily. I don't think this so-called cabaret was a surprise to him."

"I could see, however, that the show was a disappointment to the men at the banquet tables. They did not enter into the form of entertainment as if they enjoyed it. As a fact the men frequently pushed the girls away from them and otherwise showed their displeasure."

"Gentlemen whom I met later told me that after I left the three girls told even ruder stories."

"The queerest part of the affair was that I was the only one of the original speakers invited who was able to attend. It almost seemed as if warning had been sent to the other invited guests, with me left out inadvertently."

President Cornell of the Chamber of Commerce said: "There is a gang in town here which tried to kill the banquet before it was held and when they found it had been such a success they started in to knock and try to queer it."

He admitted the girls told stories that "could have been taken any way the audience wanted to" and that the women left the galleries.

Letters of regret were read at the banquet from former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, Howard Elliott and Representative Allen T. Treadway.

Burglars Ransack a Home.
Two burglars ransacked the residence of Frank Mitchell, 400 St. Ferdinand avenue, in the absence of the family yesterday afternoon. Jewelry valued at \$50 was taken.

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ARGUMENT BEGUN IN GRAFT TRIAL IN EAST ST. LOUIS

Assistant State's Attorney Assails 6 Defendants in Summing Up Evidence.

Arguments to the jury were made today in the trial of Mayor Charles J. Lambert, former Mayor John J. Faulkner, former Mayor William Rodenberger, former Mayor Charles Tette, Chief of Detectives Les-ter Grigsby and former Treasurer Fred Gerold, charged with conspiracy to defraud the city of East St. Louis out of \$100,000, in the East St. Louis City Court.

Assistant State's Attorney R. V. Gustin opened the arguments. The closing arguments will be made Monday, and the case will then go to the jury for decision.

In opening his argument, Gustin said there was no direct evidence against former Mayor Lambert and former Mayor Rodenberger, but that the evidence against the other four defendants was strong and convincing.

As to Rodenberger, Gustin said he had contradicted himself many times, and his own testimony was contradicted by seven witnesses for the State. He also dwelt upon the fact that six books, which the grand jury wanted in the graft investigations, were stolen from the Comptroller's office. He declared that only Rodenberger and his clerk knew the combination to the safe in which the books were kept.

Gustin reviewed the evidence in the case as it applied to each of the other defendants. He assailed Gerold for having purchased teams to do work for the city while he was treasurer, and attempted to conceal his own interest by having it appear that they were owned by another person.

Pompeian Company Argues in Favor of Goods in Packages.
In a letter written as a reply to the report of Mayor Mitchell's Food Commission of New York City and recently published in the Journal of Commerce of that city, the Pompeian Company of Baltimore takes issue with the report of the commission advising consumers to buy in bulk rather than in the package. The Pompeian Company takes the side that the package is the only sure way to obtain the best goods for the least money and cites as an instance its own product—olive oil. It maintains that the product in packages is a safeguard against dishonest grocers and the best bargain for the housewife.

Kills Two Men, Then Ends Life.
ATHENS, Mich., Feb. 12.—Samuel Crocker, a bachelor 55 years old, shot and killed Frank and George Lynn, brothers, then set fire to his own house and lying down amid the flames killed himself with a shotgun. Crocker had been living on a farm owned by the Lynns and had been ordered to vacate.

Bubonic Plague in Havana.
HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 12.—Two cases authenticated as bubonic plague have been discovered here. Three days ago there was one death from the disease. All of the cases are believed to have originated at the wharves used by the European steamers.

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POLICE JOURNAL SUPPORTS BILL TO INCREASE FORCE

Official Organ of Department Explains That 8-Hour Law Makes Additions Necessary.

The Police Journal, official organ of the St. Louis Police Department, in today's issue, prints arguments in support of the bill now before the State Legislature, asking that one Lieutenant, 14 Second Lieutenants and 100 patrolmen be added to the force.

The reason assigned for the need of extra Lieutenants is that in 1912 the Legislature passed an act giving the Assistant Chief of Police, Captains and Lieutenants the benefit of the eight-hour law. This, according to the department's statement, made it necessary to detail a Lieutenant from one of the districts to serve at the office of the Chief from midnight until 8 a. m.

Police Wanted 8-Hour Law.
It also became necessary to detail a Sergeant in each district to relieve the Lieutenant during the same hours. Thus the services of 15 Sergeants were taken from the available force for precinct duty.

Two years ago members of the Police Department worked at Jefferson City in favor of the application of the eight-hour law to the Police Department. The eight-hour law is now in force, but it has been found that the number of men is not sufficient to police the city properly under this plan, and the department is asking for more men rather than a return to the old system of requiring the men to work in 12-hour shifts.

One Policeman to 2417 Persons.
The Journal's statement says there are 6.89 policemen on duty to each square mile of territory and that this means an average of one policeman to 2417 inhabitants.

A reason for the proposed increase in the number of patrolmen, according to the Journal, is that many policemen are assigned to extraordinary special details which take them off their beats. These extraordinary duties are listed as "watching houses for suspects, the Postoffice, city hospital, schools, funerals, banks, car barns, public meetings, churches, missions, paydays at factories, clubs, parks, condemned buildings and other places." The statement says: "I had matted pimples all over my face so thick that you could hardly put the point of a needle on my face without touching one. They would scratch them till they would bleed. Then that would leave a mark. Scratching caused the pimples to spread. They disfigured me while they lasted."

"I underwent two treatments and used different soaps and ointments but they did no good. Then last of all I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I used the Soap every morning and evening and the Ointment every evening just before I went to bed. To-day my face is as clear as anybody's." (Signed) Miss Myrtle Orth, June 7, 1914.

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CEMETERY GARDENER WOUNDED

Struck by Spent Ball From Rifle of Rabbit Hunter.

While Henry Brinkman, a gardener, was hunting rabbits in Bellefontaine Cemetery, where he is employed, one of the bullets from his rifle ricocheted from a stone and struck William McGee, another gardener, in the right leg, yesterday afternoon. The wound was only slight.

Brinkman was arrested for discharging firearms within the city limits.

SCURRIGS VANDERVOORT EMPLOYES HOLD MASQUERADE

Many Unique Costumes Seen at Annual Attraction of March of Year in Feature.

In every imaginable costume, from scarecrows to Baby Dolls, from wounded soldiers to Sister Susans sewing shirts, members of the Scurrigs-Vandervoort-Barney Employees' Mutual Benefit Association, cash girls and the most beautiful gowned women, and A. Strible as the best dressed gentlemen, were awarded first prizes. The women's and men's most comical get-ups went to Miss Nellie Laughlin and William Marshall, respectively. The "Vastala" represented by Misses Nellie Laughlin and Nellie Carlin, and Mrs. M. Perkins and her son, posing as the "Gold Dust Twins," were also rewarded for their originality.

Mention was given Edward Yeager and John Hagen, who attracted much attention in their guises of a wild man and a society belle, respectively. A march of the fair, featuring the various months in a parade of color, was probably the prettiest event of the evening.

The officers of the organization are: R. W. Miller, president; Robert Burnie, vice-president; Thomas Fleming, treasurer; and Frank Lemmon, secretary.

IMPERSONATOR BEING SOUGHT

J. C. Goodyear, a candy manufacturer of 2326 South Jefferson avenue, asked the police to look for a man who impersonated him over the telephone yesterday and obtained \$5.50.

The man called up a confectioner named Harik, at 2020 Eugene street, and, introducing himself as Goodyear, said his auto had broken down in the neighborhood and he would send a chauffeur for \$5.50 so he could hire another machine to tow the wrecked one to the garage. A few minutes later a young man called on Harik and received the money.

400 DANCE THE OLD-TIME STEPS TO FIDDLE MUSIC

Wilson P. Guion, 80, Furnishes Spirited Strains at Buder Memorial Entertainment.

The spirited fiddling of Wilson P. Guion, 80 years old, of 3124 Eads avenue, furnished the strains to which about 400 members and guests of the Buder Memorial Square Association tripped the charming dances of many years ago, at Anchor Hall, Park and Jefferson avenues, last night.

Some of those who tried the old-fashioned square dances had forgotten the steps, some of the younger dancers never had learned them, but not once did the gray-haired fiddler falter over the chords of "Arkansas Traveler," "Turkey in the Straw," "Miss McCloud's Dream," "Pigeon on the Gate," and other lively "tunes," including "Hell on the Wahash."

The violin Guion played was more than 100 years old. It had been the property of his father. Its history before his father had it is unknown to Guion. Guion's father was the favorite musician for the countryside dances in those days and he forbade his son to learn to play, but the youth sneaked out the old fiddle and learned the popular pieces of the ballrooms, and then his father gave him the violin.

The first wedding young Guion played for was that of Andrew Charrand, who is now 85 years old and still living at Eureka, Mo. That was 64 years ago. John F. Charrand, a son of Andrew, lives at 424 Gibson avenue, and danced last night to Guion's fiddling.

Dance Is Begun.
After Guion had "resumed" up his old bow and tuned the strings of his violin the dancers took their positions. Fred Tallier, who had volunteered to do the calling, because Guion feared the hall was too big for his voice to be heard, mounted the stage and shouted the command "Get your positions." Already feet were patting and heads were marking time to the fast notes of Guion's prelude. Then came the command, "Salute your partners," followed by "Right and left" and "Swing your partners," and the dance was on.

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MAN WHO WAS FIDDLER AT OLD-TIME DANCE

Wilson P. Guion, 80, Furnishes Spirited Strains at Buder Memorial Entertainment.

The spirited fiddling of Wilson P. Guion, 80 years old, of 3124 Eads avenue, furnished the strains to which about 400 members and guests of the Buder Memorial Square Association tripped the charming dances of many years ago, at Anchor Hall, Park and Jefferson avenues, last night.

Some of those who tried the old-fashioned square dances had forgotten the steps, some of the younger dancers never had learned them, but not once did the gray-haired fiddler falter over the chords of "Arkansas Traveler," "Turkey in the Straw," "Miss McCloud's Dream," "Pigeon on the Gate," and other lively "tunes," including "Hell on the Wahash."

The violin Guion played was more than 100 years old. It had been the property of his father. Its history before his father had it is unknown to Guion. Guion's father was the favorite musician for the countryside dances in those days and he forbade his son to learn to play, but the youth sneaked out the old fiddle and learned the popular pieces of the ballrooms, and then his father gave him the violin.

The first wedding young Guion played for was that of Andrew Charrand, who is now 85 years old and still living at Eureka, Mo. That was 64 years ago. John F. Charrand, a son of Andrew, lives at 424 Gibson avenue, and danced last night to Guion's fiddling.

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Pigeons Bares Messages for President.
NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Six carrier pigeons, each bearing a message to President Wilson, were released from the roof of Madison Square Garden yesterday by the New York Poultry and Pigeon Association, which opened its annual exhibition here.

Many Unique Costumes Seen at Annual Attraction of March of Year in Feature.

In every imaginable costume, from scarecrows to Baby Dolls, from wounded soldiers to Sister Susans sewing shirts, members of the Scurrigs-Vandervoort-Barney Employees' Mutual Benefit Association, cash girls and the most beautiful gowned women, and A. Strible as the best dressed gentlemen, were awarded first prizes. The women's and men's most comical get-ups went to Miss Nellie Laughlin and William Marshall, respectively. The "Vastala" represented by Misses Nellie Laughlin and Nellie Carlin, and Mrs. M. Perkins and her son, posing as the "Gold Dust Twins," were also rewarded for their originality.

Mention was given Edward Yeager and John Hagen, who attracted much attention in their guises of a wild man and a society belle, respectively. A march of the fair, featuring the various months in a parade of color, was probably the prettiest event of the evening.

The officers of the organization are: R. W. Miller, president; Robert Burnie, vice-president; Thomas Fleming, treasurer; and Frank Lemmon, secretary.

WOMEN IN WAR.

As soldiers go forth to bear their full share of the burden, women are undergoing the supreme test. In Europe they are proving themselves equal to the emergency, and are determined not only to suffer and endure, but to fight on to the end. Their place is not in the fore-front of battle, but they have a post which no man can fill—nursing, cheering, and comforting the wounded or dying.

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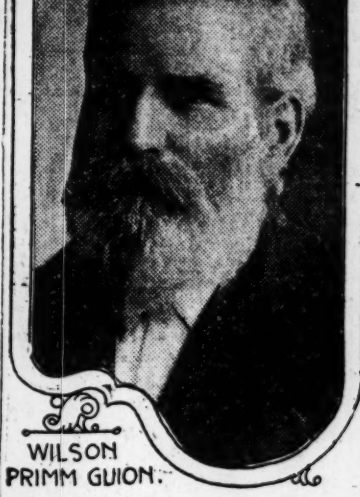
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JAI ALAI BUILDING TO BE WEST END MARKET PLACE

Intention Is to Make It Supply Point for Cabanne and Parkview Districts.

To convert the Jai Alai Building, on De Baliviere avenue, into a West End market, as a general supply point for the Cabanne and Parkview districts, is the plan of E. L. Kirtley and Fred E. Kern, present lessees of the building. They hope to open the new market May 1. The use of the building as a skating rink will end April 1.

No stock-selling scheme figures in the plan of the lessees. They intend to spend about \$10,000 in adapting the building to its new use, and they will retain the lease and will look to the rental of stalls for their profit. Seventy-five stalls, with uniform counters, are to be provided, and the lines to be handled include meat, vegetables, poultry, fruit, coffee and tea, flowers, fish and bakery and delicatessen goods.

Dealers Promising to Take Stalls.
The lessees say they feel sure of starting the market with every stall rented. Several proprietors of large meat and vegetable shops in other parts of the city, they say, plan to establish branches in the market, and some other dealers will leave their present locations to go into the market. The success of the venture will depend on the public patronage, and the proprietors believe that, owing to the advantages of the building, and particularly to its location on four important car lines, the prospect in this respect is excellent.

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Hoy Bandits Rob Montana Bank.
WILLISTON, N. D., Feb. 12.—Entering the Medicine Lake State Bank at Medicine Lake, Mont., today, two youthful bandits forced the cashier to hand over \$3000 in currency and escaped. A posse overtook them as they were riding towards the North Dakota line. In a running fight one of the bandits was wounded and captured. His companion escaped, riding towards the Canadian border.

34 Men Taken to Prison.
Thirty-four prisoners were taken to the penitentiary at Jefferson City today to serve terms ranging from two to 10 years. Among them were Edward C. Long, wife-slayer, who was sentenced to 27 years imprisonment, and Daniel Moore and Pearl Sloan, negroes, each with a life sentence for murder.

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ZAPATA DESTROYS THE WATERWORKS OF MEXICO CITY

Food Famine Becomes More Critical; Carranza May Evacuate Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Zapata forces have destroyed the water works in Mexico City, the food famine has become more critical and indications are that Carranza forces may soon evacuate, according to official advice to the American Government today.

Officials here are much concerned over the reports which have been received in the last three days. With lack of food and unrest in the population and the fact that Mexico City is of no great strategic importance, diplomats in Mexico City fear the place may be left without semblance of authority at any moment.

Advice to the State Department from Piedras Negras report that on Thursday Villa troops evacuated Monclova and moved south, the Carranza forces under Gen. Luis Quiroga occupying the town without resistance.

United States Makes Representations on Expulsion of Ministers.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Representations have been sent by the United States Government to Gen. Carranza, pointing out that serious complications may follow interference with the rights of the Diplomatic Corps in Mexico City in discharging their official functions. It is understood no specific reference was made to the cases of the Belgian and Spanish Ministers, who have been expelled from Mexico.

Jose Caro, Spanish Minister, reached Vera Cruz yesterday, and went aboard a Spanish transatlantic liner.

Spanish Minister in Mexico Takes Refuge on U. S. Warship.
VERA CRUZ, Mex., Feb. 12.—Jose Caro, the Minister of Spain in Mexico, is today an involuntary fugitive on board the American battleship Delaware, in the harbor of Vera Cruz. Expelled from the country by Gen. Carranza, First Chief of the Constitution, Senor Caro has accepted the reiterated invitation of the American authorities to take refuge on board the Delaware.

Spain to Act on Exp

REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS

PREMIERE OF NEW SYMPHONY MADE A NOTABLE OCCASION

Max Zach's Presentation of Garofalo Work Finely Reveals Its Quaint Beauty.

By HUPLEY D. SAUNDERS.

Do you remember the Poet Monk and the Sculptor-Monk and others of the little monastery group of consecrated artists who lent such a quaint churchly piquancy to the performance of "Le Jongleur" when Mary Garden sang the title role in that opera at the Coliseum several years ago?

Well, the "Romantic Symphony" of 23-year-old Carlo Giorgio Garofalo's writing, which was heard for the first time in America at the Odeon yesterday afternoon, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra being its interpretative medium, might well have been the work of the Composer-Monk in that goodly brotherhood, so naively ecclesiastical in the atmosphere of its Italian tunefulness at all moments and so austere cathedral-like are its biggest effects in reverential majesty of spirit.

It is a truly astonishing product of this present day of audacious modernism and daring license in music. The organ is its dominant voice. Its noble, large, and all the latter half of its andante, and nearly every phase of its finale, beginning with the frankest of worshipful chorale utterances, is unmistakably the melodic speech of the church.

Even in its scherzo, suddenly, after the woodwinds, the violins and the horns have sung a joyous lilt, the great and solemn throat of the organ sends forth a fortissimo cry of almost startling earnestness in such an environment. And it isn't for novelty's sake, either.

Carlo Giorgio Garofalo is starkly faithful to the monastic inspiration that came to him as he sat at his own organ keyboard, vespers-dreamful of mood, judging from this one symphony of his creating. It is not possible for him to sing in any other spirit than that of religious reverence.

There are some genuinely big strokes in his work. They are encountered notably in the more aspiring symphonic utterances, such as the large, splendid climax of the second movement, and the deep solemnity of the orchestral utterance immediately preceding the fanfare of brasses with which the composition closes. The chastened gaiety of the third movement also is peculiarly memorable.

Nor is Garofalo timid in his employment of orchestral resources. The boldness of his use of the organ commands attention. At one moment he brings the celesta into service with exquisite results. Even the bassoon chants a quaintly sweet, though fleeting strain, at one point of the andante's progress. And in the strings, the woodwinds and the horns, more than once reveals genuine mastery of his great instrument.

The one weakness of the score is a certain hesitancy now and then, a suggestion of groping that hints at an awkward checking of the flow of melodic inspiration. Invariably, however, the creative gift reasserts itself and again proves the richness of its native quality.

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Max Zach's conductorship of this premier performance was distinguished by the utmost authority and temperamental appreciation, and the response of his men was finely competent.

Charles Galt, who at the organ became a factor of sincere value in the work's singularly satisfying first presentation. Other numbers on the program were Dvorak's dramatic overture, "Husitka," now heard for the first time in St. Louis; Volkmann's "Concerto for Violoncello, A Minor, Op. 33," with Ludwig Pieler of the orchestra as the solo figure, and Chabrier's "Espana" rhapsody.

The program will be repeated this evening.

FINE CONCERT BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHORAL CLUB

With Malvine Parry as Contralto Soloist, Chorus of Admirably Prepared Worthy Program.

The Knights of Columbus Choral Club gave at the Odeon last night, before a large and an exceptionally well pleased audience, the most ambitious and successful concert in its history.

Throughout the evening Prof. William Theodore Diebels, director of the organization, and Miss Malvine Parry, contralto soloist, received convincing proofs of the favor of the audience, each being enthusiastically applauded upon every appearance.

The program was well selected, and equally as well rendered. It was quite a pretentious one, but, under the directorship of Prof. Diebels, there was scant cause for criticism. The club, numbering over 100 men, made four appearances, presenting a total of eight selections, each one of which was heartily received. The most impressive of these was easily L. de Rille's cantata, "The Destruction of Gaze," a difficult attempt, remarkably well rendered by the large group of chorists.

Not nearly as ambitious, but probably appreciated just as much, was the simpler presentation of the old English folk song, "To Celia." The balance of the program, particularly L. de Rille's "O Flame of Gold," and Robinson's "Greeting and Parting," proved a wealth of tonal volume, shading and variety of execution that was most pleasing.

High commendation is demanded for Miss Parry's work. Her varied numbers gave her many opportunities to show the sympathetic and appealing quality of her voice and a pleasing stage presence, she left little to be desired. Two song groups and an aria, made up her part of the entertainment. Of these she was probably most charming in a group of four folk songs, the last number on her program, the Norwegian, "When I Was Seventeen," proving the most appreciated. Miss

THE FIRST HAIR CUT.

JIMMY'S had a hair cut! How the folks will stare. It's so short you see his skin. Showing through his hair. 'Twasn't like he'd had before. Cut around a bowl; It was in that barber-store By the candy pole.

Jimmy's had a hair cut! We were there to see. Peeking through the window-pane— All the boys and me. He looked worried there alone, Trying hard to grin. On a kind of great big throne Wrapped up to his chin.

Jimmy's had a hair cut! 'Course it scared him some. All those shears and cups and things. Sort of struck him dumb. My, I wished that I was him Sitting there instead, Looking like a cherubim, Showing just my head.

Wish I'd had my hair cut By a shiner man. Telling grown-up jokes and such While his snippers ran. Jimmy's mother saved a curl— She feels bad I know, That he wasn't born a girl And could let them grow.

Jimmy's had a hair cut. My, it made him proud! Walking out, while all of us Followed in a crowd. He got pretty rich that day 'Fore he went to bed, Making every fellow pay Just to smell his head.

From "Rhymes of Little Folks," by Burges Johnson. (Putnam.)

TRIPLE ALLIANCE IN "THRILLS."

"THREE GENTLEMEN OF NEW CALEDONIA," a novel by R. D. Hemingway and Henry de Halsalle, comes to the American reading public with the prestige of having won a prize offered by a London newspaper to stimulate English writers of fiction to their best endeavor.

It tells the curious story of a trio of daring and resourceful French criminals, known to the Paris police and underworld as The Invisibles because of their facility in keeping under cover after their successful "coups" in crime, who, escaping from France's death-in-life penal colony named in the title, address themselves to the task of wreaking vengeance on a former accomplice who had betrayed them for a rich reward.

This sinister triple alliance of outlaw souls is headed by a certain Andre Gaspard, a gentleman born and bred, of infinite subtlety, implacable in spirit, of polished manners, whose one redeeming virtue is his inflexible loyalty to his two associates in evil. It is through the love of a woman that Andre Gaspard gets his one chance in a million of escape from New Caledonia to Australia, a thousand miles distant.

"All or none!" says Andre resolutely—and by a splendid bit of bluff he compels a brutal South Sea skipper, bribed into his service, to take Kit Polliter and Jean the Rat off the New Caledonian coast with him, necessarily killing several of the savage head-hunting cannibals by whom the three fleeing criminals were pursued.

Kit Polliter also is of gentle birth and breeding. But Jean the Rat is a malignant product of the Paris gutters, a wizened little knife-throwing assassin, used by Gaspard as an instrument of murder when murder must needs be committed. A mortal fear of Gaspard alone keeps him from deserting, for he is a member of The Invisibles, the most dreaded criminal group of all Paris' creation.

To the great world, therefore, return these three worthies after 20 years of frightful existence as convicts in the most terrible exile now possible to man. Their sole passion now is revenge. They are like bloodhounds on the trail of the man who sold them to the police. Andre Gaspard finds this man a wealthy "financier" in London, apparently, but in reality the master-mind of a new combination of criminals triumphantly executing great strokes of international crime that baffles the shrewdest detectives of all Europe.

For some little time Gaspard conceals the truth of his discovery from his two associates, not yet being ready to give the signal for the slaying of the "witch" whose death he has sworn he knows, will be signed just the moment that Jean the Rat learns the truth. Now, too, Gaspard becomes interested in the love affair of a fine young English aristocrat and the daughter of the man upon whom The Invisibles have sworn to wreak vengeance. And from this moment the story assumes its most breathlessly absorbing aspect and rushes onward to its consistent finish.

What that finish is—well, it isn't quite fair to tell, since lovers of the thrill in fiction will find their keenest rapture in sitting up till all hours of the night to discover for themselves. It may be said, however, that something of a surprise will be encountered. Whether or not this will be a grateful surprise depends alike upon individual temperament and the extent to which one insists upon conventional melodrama through and through. (Putnam.)

Parry showed a remarkable range and quality of voice.

High credit is due to Prof. Diebels for the success of last evening's entertainment, and to the individual members of the choral organization. Such a performance could only have been the result of long and conscientious training as well as almost unlimited enthusiasm on the part of the members. The balance of parts, the phrasing and the blending of the many voices constituted an excellent achievement of which St. Louis' largest male chorus may well be proud.

"The Rose-Garden Husband."

By Margaret Widdemer. (J. B. Lippincott Co.)

THEY BUT BEAUTIFUL GIRL MARKS EACH INVADED BECAUSE SHE WANTS A ROSE GARDEN

INVALID BECOMES JEALOUS OF ONE OF HIS OLD COLLEGE CHUMS

HE TELLS HER THEY MUST HAVE THEIR MARRIAGE ANNULLED

SHE THINKS THAT HE DOES NOT LOVE HER AND LEAVES THE HOUSE, ALTHOUGH SHE HAS LEARNED TO REALLY LOVE HIM

A ROBBER CHASES HER AND SHE RUNS BACK TO HER HUSBAND

WHO IS SO GLAD TO SEE HER AGAIN THAT THEY CLEAR UP THE MISUNDERSTANDING, WE GETS WELL, AND THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTERWARD

THE political forces and historical developments which led to the initial clash of arms in the present European war are comprehensively presented in book form by Ernest Ludwig, the Austro-Hungarian Consul at Cleveland, O. There is a lengthy preface by Dr. Konstantin Theodor Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, placing his official approval upon the Consul's forceful exposition of the underlying causes of the conflict.

Ludwig offers a graphic description of conditions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the two Austrian provinces coveted by Serbia, and throws an illuminating light upon the previous plottings which made Austria feel bound to make the demands which ultimately transformed Europe into an armed world. He details particulars of the Sarajevo trial, in which the assassination of the Crown Prince and his consort is proved to have been committed by members of the notorious "Narodna Odbrana" society of Serbia, with what the author unequivocally terms the guilty foreknowledge and complicity of the Serbian Government. He also tells why Serbia's equivocal note regarding this was not acceptable, making necessary, from the Austro-Hungarian standpoint, the declaration of war against Serbia.

A chapter on the greater Russian propaganda is based, the author states, on confidential and official reports, which he says are now made known for the first time. The Serbian ultimatum is discussed at length from the Austrian viewpoint, and a chapter dealing with economic conditions in Austria-Hungary contains new facts which the author vouches for as being official and authentic. (J. B. Lippincott.)

"THE DUSTY ROAD."

A WELL-KNIT romance of an unnatural family is told by Therese Tyler in "The Dusty Road," a story of Philadelphia society in and about Rittenhouse Square. The tale deals with the efforts of a poor but society-proud mother to marry her daughter to a rich man. The mother is pictured as a bloodless, heartless person with no compunctions for the sufferings of her children—even those sufferings that have nothing to do with the marriage plans. An even more unnatural character is the son of the family, whose chief delight is to find his sister in a compromising situation so he can taunt her. Outside of the mother and son—their types, let us hope, do not exist in real life—the six or seven other characters in the book are well drawn, especially the Episcopal Minister, who was formerly a Jesuit.

The suspense in the book is furnished by the question—Whom will the heroine marry? She becomes formally engaged twice, nearly becomes engaged two or three times, and finally marries the man whom her mother had selected in the first place—a man with a past that would have eliminated his chances in a normal family. But Miss Tyler's story is about an abnormal family—else there would not have been a story. (Lippincott.)

THE BEST SELLERS.

FOLLOWING is a summary of the St. Louis booksellers' reports to the Post-Dispatch on the six best selling books of the past week. The leading book on the list is given six points, the second best is given five points, etc.

1. "Wife of Sir Isaac Harman," H. G. Wells (Macmillan).....12
2. "Eyes of the World," H. B. Wright (Book Supply Co.).....11
3. "Pastor's Wife," Anonymous (Doubleday-Page).....10
4. "Lone Star Ranger," Zane Grey (Harper).....8
5. "God's Country and the World," Curwood (Doubleday-Page).....6
6. "Walls of Partition," Barclay (Putnam).....4

AN INDICTMENT OF PRUSSIA.

ARSHLY suggestive is the title of Cecil Chesterton's war book, "The Prussian Hat Said In His Heart." No less severe are the headings of some of the chapters, "The Great Diabolism" (Frederick the Great), "The Worship of the Beast," and "Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch to Live."

George Bernard Shaw, who wrote the preface declares that Cecil Chesterton, "like his prodigious brother, is a man to be reckoned with." He appears as a smashing, give-and-take controversialist in his exposition of Prusso-German history, as he conceives it, and of the German official and public mind of today.

Of Frederick the Great he writes: "His atheism was no affectation. It was a conviction as solid as a rock. And upon that rock he would build his state, and the gates of heaven should not prevail against it." "The Germans," he says in a later chapter, "are a people rather kindly and rather dreamy. They are not natural warriors like the French, or natural adventurers like the English. They have little taste and little aptitude for self-government or for those fierce political conflicts out of which alone self-government can come. They are fond of speculative thought, of musing freely on the mystery of things, but lack the sharp edge and decision of the Latin mind, which demands as the end of thought a final conclusion and a dogma. They especially love, and can create, music. They are grave, sentimental and somewhat deficient in humor."

"Such are the Germans. Of such certainly is not the German Empire. The German Empire is Prussian, or to speak perhaps more correctly, Frederickian. It is an enlargement for which the original design of the Kingdom of Prussia supplied the working model. Not until it is destroyed will the Germans again be able to make their contribution—an admittedly valuable contribution—to European civilization."

Chesterton makes it quite clear that he does not intend to put German "professors" as great thinkers, merely because some other persons, in and outside Germany, have declared them to be such. He shows particular delight in assailing the "pride and domestic materialism" of Haackel and the theological conclusions of Harnack. The latter, he says, "scented an interpolation" in the Scriptures "whenever Our Lord was reported as having spoken or acted otherwise than as a Prussian professor might have been expected to speak and act under the circumstances." Nietzsche he calls "an unquestioned genius," who was driven mad by seeing his conception of the Superman turned, by the ruling class of Prussia, into a glorification of the Prussian Junker.

Having stated his case against Prussia, past and present, Chesterton declares, in words like those in which Scipio Africanus used to declare the doom of Carthage, "Prussia must be destroyed." He takes issue with the announced program of Norman Angell and other pacifists, who propose to spare "humiliation" to Germany.

"They may say, 'Secret diplomacy is the enemy. Is it not deplorable that nations should be involved in a course of foreign policy to which they have never been asked to assent?' And we shall answer, 'Most deplorable. But at the moment we are not engaged in diplomacy but in war. And Prussia must be destroyed.'"

"They may say, 'Shall not every nation be consulted as to its own future destiny?' And we shall answer, 'Yes, every nation except Prussia—which must be destroyed.'"

"They may say, 'Think of all that we owe to Germany! Think of the music of Beethoven, the poetry of Schiller, the philosophy of Kant, the art of Duerer! Shall not these things endure to be a joy to countless generations?' And we shall answer, 'May they endure and have due honor forever—after Prussia is destroyed.'"

"It need not be denied that on the record of England, of France, of Russia, there are many stains. Each has often and often chosen evil rather than good. But none save Prussia has ever said, 'Evil, be thou my good.' Europe, with all her sins on her head, has right to judge Prussia. She is judged by her peers, and judged justly. On their conscience and honor, they find her worthy of death. In the name of the very principle of nationality for which they are fighting, they pronounce one nation—if it be a nation—unfit to live."

One task must come before all others: The driving of the dreadful stake through the heart of Frederick the Second."

In practical expression of these severe generalizations he proposes the reunion of Alsace and Lorraine to France; the union of severed Poland, under the kingship of the Czar; the detroning of the Hohenzollern dynasty, the surrender or destruction of the German fleet; the cession of Heligoland to England; and the return of Schleswig-Holstein to Denmark if its people desire; or, if not, the destruction of the Kiel Canal. (Lawrence J. Gomme, New York.)

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"OUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST."

SCHOLARLY of the old order in the interpretation of Christian truth who have been inclined to view the large universities are furnished a club rather nicely shaped to their hands by Lucius Hopkins Miller, Assistant Professor of Biblical Instruction in Princeton University, in his book, "Our Knowledge of Christ," which he styles an historical approach. He goes very far in asserting the conclusions of the highest of the higher critics, so far as to leave little, seemingly, of the Scriptures, but he maintains that what is left after the eliminations of the most searching criticism serves him better as the foundation of an affirmative faith than the uneliminated whole. In spite of the great destructiveness of his method, he approaches the work of demolition in a constructive spirit which will carry with him part of the way and some of the way.

The excuse he offers in the preface, although he does not call it an excuse, and would probably not admit that an excuse is needed, is that many have been obliged to readjust their views for the very sake of that Christian faith they long for and need, while many others have turned their backs upon the church and even upon all religion because they have not been helped to a new view which would have shown them that such desertion is unnecessary, harmful and wrong. It is for such, he says, that the book has been written. To those who may think its conclusions negative he has only to say that these conclusions form the basis on which he has been able to maintain a vital positive faith.

The basal facts of Christianity are discussed with absolute frankness. The sources of information regarding Christ, his life, teaching and divinity, are considered from the extreme modern point of view. (Henry Holt & Co.)

A CRIME-MYSTERY NOVEL.

B Y the many readers of fiction who enjoy "crime problem" novels of frequent thrills and ingenious complications, "The Mystery of Lucien de Lormes," by Guy de Taramond, will be welcomed with much enthusiasm. The story is a very frank appeal to lovers of melodramatic excitement. It concerns a certain young man who comes to be suspected of the double murder of a rich Parisian woman and a millionaire also residing in the French capital. Arrested, and then released, he sets himself to the task of solving the secret of these two murders and of bringing their perpetrators to justice. He is peculiarly equipped for the performance of this task by reason of his possession of strange psychic powers which he brings to bear on the case with startling results. Just how, after many perilous adventures and pulse-quickenings experiences, he succeeds in his undertaking makes a story of considerable interest, the action of which moves swiftly from start to finish. (Appleton's.)

NEW DESK DICTIONARY.

THE excellent new edition of the Standard Dictionary that was published a year ago has been abridged into a volume for desk use that is a striking exemplification of comprehensiveness of the old Latin phrase "multum in parvo." Not quite so much in so little space has ever before been attempted in the production of a dictionary. In its 92 pages, 8,000 words and names are given with the meaning of historical significance of each. There also are 120 illustrations to amplify definitions.

This modest little volume is so comprehensive in its character that practically every word that may be found in reading current literature or in perusing those authors who are recognized as having written the English classics is recorded and tersely, but quite satisfactorily defined. More than 600 proper names are included, covering biblical, biographical, bibliographical, mythological, geographical and historical subjects. Even early events of the

"BEFORE THE GRINGO CAME."

MAKING hay while the bright California sun shines on the Panama Exposition season, Gertrude Atherton has joined in a new volume two of her California romances, "Rezanov" and "The Doomsday Woman." Their new joint title is "Before the Gringo Came."

"Rezanov," the longer of the two stories, was first published in 1906. It is the romance of the Russian adventurer who dreamed, more than a century ago, of an empire on the Pacific, and who loved the Spanish Governor's daughter. The story told in "The Doomsday Woman" is timed nearly forty years later, a few years before "the gringo" severed California from Mexico. It is a Romeo-Juliet tale of love between the children of rival Spanish houses. (Stokes.)

present war are recorded. Its publication is designed to serve the needs at a very moderate price of those who cannot afford the far more expensive unabridged edition. (Funk & Wagnalls.)

STORY OF SELFISH GRASPING.

TO make an interesting, even an appealing story, out of sheer selfishness, is no easy task for an author. The English writer who uses the pen name of W. Dane Bank has succeeded in attaching a quite human interest to the masterful but sordid tale character in his novel, "James."

The story illustrates the familiar saying that a man who is willing to sacrifice everything else to money-making can usually make money. James sacrifices everything, particularly the rights and the feelings of others, to make a fortune, and a parliamentary career comes as an incidental. The fortune is made chiefly in the manufacture of hair oil, whose principal ingredient is water. "We're supermen," says an equally grasping associate to James, "and between you and me the ordinary man has a purgatory of himself." This associate later gets James in a tight place financially, and James' retrieving coup introduces the final touch of heartlessness into the tale. (Doran.)

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Brought by Collector
Kassebaum Yesterday.

County Collector Kassebaum, continuing the filing of delinquent tax suits for taxes for the period between 1910 and 1914, yesterday instituted proceedings against 43 St. Louis County residents for a total of \$1348.85. The suits follow:

At University City,
E. K. Hyatt Building and Realty Co.

\$7.74; Jacob J. Jacobs, \$24.32; Chas. A. Lempert, \$7.06; J. P. O'Neill, \$42.53; Thos. W. Ross, \$36.96; Julia D. Stone, \$14; University Heights Realty and Development Co., \$172.62; John D. White, \$23.81.

At St. Ferdinand,
Henry Alexander, \$2.01; Hiram Black, \$2.19; H. D. Balliett, \$2.01; Jane Chambers (R. M. Chambers in charge), \$2.02; Walter B. Douglas, \$1.04; John Gittenmeier, \$10.82; Catherine Hartnett and Fannie Beakley, \$68.40; John R. Harford et al., \$1.41; Hubert Edward, \$3.19; William Koer, \$23.30; Mrs. Jane Lindsay, \$6.12; Henry Nicholas Magers, \$5.31; Charles Meyer, \$2.23; Anton Richter, \$50.94; Casper H. Ronick, \$32.71.

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J. King, \$4.13; Clyde L. Israel, \$24.12; Jennie Jacobs, \$21.34.

At Lake,
Walter Jackson estate, \$6.19; Marshall James, \$6.55; Chas. A. Loring, \$3.31; Gustav L. Stern, \$22.52; Hiram L. Stevens, \$17.79; Maria Ziegenbalz, \$5.27.

PLAN PEACE PARADE FEB. 22

St. Louisans Ask President to Call Session of Neutral Delegates.

Plans for a big peace parade in St. Louis, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, were announced yesterday at a peace mass meeting held in conjunction with a Lincoln day celebration at the City Club. Luther Ely Smith will be grand marshal.

Miss Jane Thompson, treasurer of the St. Louis Woman's Peace Party, addressed the meeting, and a resolution was adopted asking President Wilson to call a meeting of delegates representing all neutral nations to devise means for stopping the war in Europe.

POSTOFFICE WILL WATCH GIRLS WHO CALL FOR LETTERS

Clandestine Correspondents Must
Prove Identity to Get Gen-
eral Delivery Mail.

INQUIRY LEADS TO RULE

Postmaster Finds Many Young
Women Are Using Depart-
ment in Improper Way.

Girls who have been getting love letters through the Postoffice general delivery will not get them any more, unless they can convince Postmaster Selph that it is perfectly proper. And at that they will have more trouble about it than any old love letter is worth. They will have to answer the questions of a woman who always finds out what she wants to know.

It used to be that all the girl had to do was to step up to the general delivery window and give the clerk her name, or the name she was using at the time, and get her letter and carry it away to a quiet place and read it. That is all changed now.

When a girl goes to the general delivery window and asks if there is a letter for Miss Susie Jones, she gets a penetrating look from the clerk and that is about all. He looks in the J box and tells her yes, there's a letter for Miss Jones, but Miss Jones will have to be identified before she can get it. She will have to bring somebody around who is known to somebody at the Postoffice, so that they will know it is all right for them to deliver the letter to her.

May Be Told to Bring Mother.
If she cannot think of anybody to identify her, it is suggested that she bring her father or mother around. This is calculated to throw her into a panic. She hastens to say that neither of them could possibly come down. Very well, then the obliging clerk will be most happy to send the letter by carrier to her home if she will give her address.

If, as is generally the case, she is unwilling to tell where she lives, the clerk suggests that she go upstairs and talk with the Postmaster about it. An official escorts her to the elevator and up to Postmaster Selph's office and she is turned over to a woman who has ways of finding out all about girls who carry on clandestine correspondence.

Investigation of Six Months.
An investigation conducted by Postmaster Selph during the past six months convinced him the general delivery, intended for the accommodation of transients, has been used extensively for clandestine correspondence, especially by young girls, who flock to the general delivery by hundreds. Many are stylishly attired and seem to come from homes of refinement. Others are employed and make their trips to the Postoffice, fifteen minutes or so from downtown, and one from running away. Several who had run away have been returned to their parents.

MURRAY VIOLENT IN CELL AFTER GETTING LIFE SENTENCE

Richard (Bud) Murray, after being convicted of the murder of Stephen Lukos, a saloonkeeper, yesterday afternoon became violent in jail and cursed the judge, jurors and Circuit Attorney. The jury returned the verdict at 2:30 p. m., after having been out since 7:15 p. m. Thursday. Murray's punishment was fixed at life imprisonment.

Fred Moeller, who is serving a life sentence at Jefferson City for the same crime, was not put on the witness stand against Murray. After the trial it was learned that the reason Moeller was not called was that he was overcome by the fear that he would be killed if he told that Murray was his partner in the robbery plot which resulted in Lukos' death.

When being brought to St. Louis from Jefferson City to testify against Murray at a previous trial Moeller hid under the seats of the passenger coach when the train passed Tower Grove Station. Five other robbers who were convicted of murder recently have received life sentences. The death penalty is optional with the jury. Police and the Circuit Attorney's office consider it impossible to get a St. Louis jury to impose a death sentence.

Glen Echo Club Meeting.
A legal meeting of all the stockholders of Glen Echo Country Club, called by 10 of its members, will be held Monday evening at 8:15 sharp, at the Washington Hotel, King's highway and Washington avenue. All members or owners of stock in the club are cordially invited to be present at the meeting, regardless of whether they have signed with any one or more syndicates. This meeting is for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of all members, and to devise ways and means to prevent the sale of the property. All members interested in the welfare of the club who would like to see beautiful Glen Echo continue should be present.

FINDS BURGLAR IN HOME

When Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dennis of 4608 Delmar boulevard returned home from a picture show, about 9:30 o'clock last night, Mrs. Dennis observed a light burning in their home. She had extinguished it when they left for the show.

When Dennis opened the front door a burglar jumped from the pantry window, taking with him a child's bank containing \$1. Dennis fired two shots in the air to attract the police.

BUTTE MINERS' OFFICIAL SHOOTS A DEPUTY SHERIFF

Two Other Men in Auto From Which Assault Stepped Before Firing.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 12.—Fearing a possible attempt on the part of friends of Thomas Monroe to avenge his shooting here last night by Harry Robinson, vice-president of the Butte Mine Workers' Union, precautions have been taken by the authorities to guard several officials of the Butte Mine Workers' Union.

Officers were investigating today an alleged conspiracy to kill Monroe, who, in what was taken to be his dying statement, said Robinson was a stranger to him and had asked him his name before shooting.

Efforts were made to ascertain the identity of two other men who were in an automobile with Robinson. It was stepped when he shot Monroe. Robinson's friends assert that Monroe threatened to shoot Robinson in a saloon yesterday. Monroe, formerly a mine guard and shift boss at the Anaconda mine, had been appointed a deputy sheriff and assigned to guard the building in which are the offices of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co.

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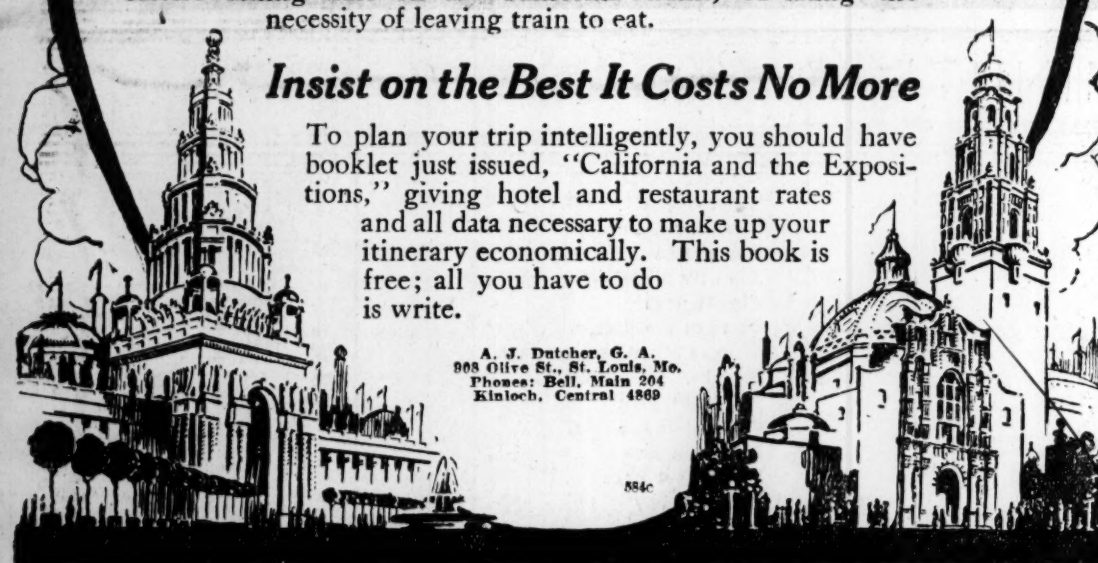
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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

To Relieve the Destitute.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

St. Louis is too big and too prosperous a city to have the impression go out that it is a hard matter to raise \$25,000 for the destitute poor of the city. St. Louis is also too wealthy a city to have the burden of raising the \$25,000 fall upon the poorer classes of her citizens. If we were in need of a million dollars through some great calamity, publication of half-column articles apprising the need of our charities would be excusable. A paltry \$25,000 is nothing. To publish that we are having to take up a collection on the street cars to raise this sum is a reflection on our liberality. The Provident Association and the other organized charities deserve the fullest support because they are doing splendid and much-needed work. Instead of advertising our poverty or our lack of charity to the world, why not systematically raise \$50,000 to \$100,000 by the following plan:

Let the board of directors of the clubs and organizations which are named below, assess each member in the sum of \$5. Have this money distributed, when raised, through the three great organized charities. Bear in mind that 90 per cent of the contributions made through the fare boxes on the street cars will come from people who are working on wages or salary ranging from \$8 to \$20 a week. If such a person contributes 10 or \$5 or \$3 each will mean more to that person than \$5 each from the members of the organizations named. Here they are:

Automobile Club	2,500
Business Men's League	2,400
Mercantile Club	1,000
Liederkreis Club	700
Wednesday Club	600
St. Louis Club	600
Noonday Club	500
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Racquet Club	350
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Bellevue Country Club	250
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It will be seen that \$5 each from the membership of these organizations will raise at once \$50,000. Is it not better to raise it that way than to take it away from the poorer people who need the money, while at the same time it does not advertise to the world that St. Louis finds it necessary to plead for this paltry sum in order to keep some of her citizens from starvation. Why, if every automobile owner in St. Louis would give \$1 to this cause it would put \$1,000,000 into the fund. If every member of the Mercantile Club would pay \$5 it would add \$5,000. The same sum from every member of the B. M. L. would mean \$12,000.

ALBERT VON HOFFMANN.

Humane Work in St. Louis.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Your editorial endorsing and upholding the work of Mr. A. N. Nathan of 1234 Franklin avenue in his campaign for kind treatment to animals is very timely. I have known of him and his work for about two years and often call in and talk with him about it. In fact just about a week ago I wrote him a letter, sent him \$5 and told him that I would send a like amount every month in order that I might have the pleasure and privilege of helping him carry on his work of kind treatment to the homeless animals that might come his way. He picks up every stray cat or dog he can find; tries first to locate the owner and if not successful then tries to find it a good home; if he finds this impossible, then in the most humane and merciful manner he terminates its existence.

The moral effect of this kind of work is greatly beneficial to any community. Let any boy start in by being cruel to animals, running about the streets, smoking cigarettes, etc., and he generally winds up like so many St. Louis raised boys—in jail, reform school, penitentiary and gallows.

I hope the people of St. Louis will provide Mr. Nathan with sufficient funds to enable him to extend the scope of his work to any extent that he might desire; the beneficial effects of it will accomplish more good than anything I can name.

C. L. DELBRIDGE, 113 Market St.

High Cost of Building Repairs.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

A great many mechanics are out of employment and clamoring for work. One of them suggested through your columns that landlords should make necessary repairs now instead of waiting until spring. Now why don't they offer some inducement? When you have a little job done you receive a bill something like this: material, \$1.02; labor, 10 hours, at 90 cents per hour. Times must be pretty hard when you have to pay that price for labor.

HAS BEEN LANDLORD.

THE PROTEST AND THE LAW.

The law upon which the American protest to Germany against the destruction of American lives and shipping is based is formulated in the London Declaration, which is binding upon both Germany and the United States. Articles 48, 49 and 50, which set forth explicitly the manner in which neutral vessels must be treated by belligerents, follow:

A neutral vessel which has been captured may not be destroyed by the captor; but she must be taken into such port as is proper for the determination of all questions concerning the validity of the capture.

As an exception a belligerent warship which has been captured by a belligerent warship which would be liable to condemnation, may be destroyed if the observance of Article 48 would involve danger to the safety of the warship or to the success of the operations in which she is engaged at the time.

Before the vessel is destroyed all persons on board must be placed in safety, and the ship's papers and other documents which the parties interested consider relevant for the purpose of deciding on the validity of the capture must be taken on board the warship.

One of the reasons Germany gives for her announced course of action is that Great Britain has violated the Declaration of London in taking from neutral ships Germans liable to military service and making them prisoners of war. Article 49 of the Declaration states: "Any individual embodied in the armed forces of the enemy who is found on board a neutral vessel may be made a prisoner of war, even though there may be no ground for the capture of the vessel."

The protest to Great Britain has no law or argument to sustain it. We protest against the continuation of acts on the part of a friendly power which may bring disaster upon Americans and American interests. It is in the nature of a warning against a course which may be unfriendly because it may subject us to loss of lives and property. The British right based upon international usages, without any agreement or pronouncement, to resort to the use of neutral flags on warships or merchant ships to avoid destruction, is unquestioned. If, however, Germany should arbitrarily sink American ships or ships containing Americans and American goods, with all on board, we would regard the act as hostile, a gross violation of law and agreement.

On the other hand, if Germany's unjustifiable act were brought about through Great Britain's free use of the American flag, we would feel that some of the responsibility rested with the latter country. Germany would be principal and Great Britain accessory in the crime.

Supporting Washington's protest as a just and wise course, we indulge the hope that it may be effective to prevent a dangerous complication.

A STAMP AND A QUESTION.

Eugene Schlegel writes the Post-Dispatch from Nuremberg, Bavaria, in part, as follows:

Remembering 1765, when George Washington succeeded to free his beloved country from the English yoke and British tyranny solely through the able assistance of the German Generals Steuben, Kalb, etc., and thousands of German soldiers, have the citizens of the United States of North America cause to rebel against their present President and his Government?

The rest of the letter, in display typewriting, expresses Herr Schlegel's views, as a loyal Bavarian, of the detestable British Government and its "yellow, brown and black allies" in the present war.

The stamp is an artistic design in green, with a fine portrait of a benevolent old gentleman who, we take it, is Louis II, King of Bavaria and liege vassal of Emperor William.

Our office boy, who is an enthusiastic philatelist, desires to thank Herr Schlegel for this addition to his collection.

TRESPASS EXTRAORDINARY.

Several rather important issues are to be settled in the charges growing out of the visit made by officers of the Humane Society to the St. Louis Industrial School. One of them is whether a citizen can commit the crime of trespass in venturing on public property whose title is vested in the whole people.

GOOD MORNING! HAVE YOU JITNEYED?
Jitneys seem to have come to stay and you may as well make up your mind to ride in them. Maybe you will like it.

Of course the old chronic kickers will not quit the trolley cars while there's anything left in them to complain of. The last thing a complainer wants is an alternative to the thing complained of which will deprive him of his occupation: Thus the pessimists who "hollered" if we may use that term, loudest for jitneys will be the last to use them. Yet it cannot be denied, in this, as in other matters, that the pessimist plays a valuable part with his vocative, even though he does not really want what he cries for, but only thinks he does.

The optimist's cheery, "Good morning! Have you Jitneyed?" and his example added to the precept are the life of the traffic. It will not be until after the smiling progressives set the new business on its feet, or rather tires, that the pessimists will climb aboard to make everybody uncomfortable and dissatisfied.

In the course of things there is bound to be plenty for pessimism to croak about in Jitney service. The fresh air will prove too fresh and there will not be Japanese foot warmers for every passenger. The fenders will rattle, the gasoline will smell, cylinders will miss, chauffeurs will chew tobacco. Presently the disgruntled one will demand universal transfers and complain of the upholstery and start a propaganda and write letters to the editor and develop a slogan. The now innocent and well-meaning Jitney will be made a criminal, a robber. It will fly the black flag and hire a corporation lawyer. It will be subjected to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission and the initiative and referendum. The Supreme Court will take a look at its teeth, the Legislature will let them.

Meanwhile, let us encourage the gentle Jitney and try to make the best of it. Now is the time to enjoy it before the pessimist gets aboard.

HIS POSSIBLE MOTIVE.

Testimony given in the suit of his son-in-law suggests that the millionaire Bretting may have bought the interned ship Dada and sent her into the war zone as a means of diverting his thoughts

from more belligerent complications nearer home.

OUR OLD NEGRO PORTER'S SOUL.

Today we are returning his mortal clay to Mother Earth, but while Anthony Brown's body lies a-moldering in the grave his spirit, his influence, go marching on with us. Beneath his dark skin Anthony was all sweetness and light, his mission to cheer, uplift and strengthen faith in the Almighty. Anthony was our venerable darky porter.

The dust thou art, to which thou shalt return, is not distinguishable by color.

"A few swift years, and who can show Which dust was Bill and which was Joe?"

So with souls, we suppose—could there be any difference in shade between one pure soul and another?

All those qualities which admiration knows as character were actively present in Anthony. All that nobility of mind, all that sympathy, vision, devotion to ideals, and faith which we call soul, were his—aye soulfulness, almost poetic inspiration. Nature he commended with, Her beauties and marvels he loved with simple ardor, and his conceptions of things spiritual were as lofty as his old heart was humble. A man near whom Anthony worked for 40 years, who was privileged with Anthony's intimate confidence, has remarked that somehow in the chaotic accident of Creation the soul of a considerable Prince managed to creep into the black body of our old porter. To be sure an innate princeliness made every man near him unconsciously strive for Anthony's respect. Never an ignoble thing found an expression in him, never an impurity fell from his lips. Anthony's shoulders were stooped, but his strong nature stood erect. To the stature of his essential manhood the cap and gown of a Chief Justice could not have added one cubit. That is a good deal to say for a black man. It would be a good deal to say for a white man. Men of greater worldly place and power than Anthony will pass away and we shall say nothing.

It was Anthony's quietly cherished contention that if he had only been a white man he would have risen high in the world. There is something to support the contention in the record of a slave who earned and bought his freedom, then his mother's freedom, then his wife's, and furthermore earned the confidence and respect of every man, white and black, with whom he came in contact. Distinction he did earn among people of his own race. There were no more influential churchmen, and few more honored Masons, than Anthony Brown. Where is another old man of 87, ex-slave and untutored, of Anthony's generation who stood as well? Born a generation later, his inborn urge of leadership would have found freer assertion, and he would have mounted higher than porter—yet what's in a title!

Only a porter, yet a great porter, just as one may be great in any calling which he graces and ennobles as Anthony did.

AS INSIDIOUS AS EVE.

To pass the ship-purchase bill is not less important, great as are the benefits expected from it, than to defeat the lobby which is opposing the measure. The needs which the bill will supply will diminish after the existing emergency is passed. But the lobby, once revived and enheartened by a notable success, will continue to obstruct for years to come sound legislation in the people's interest.

History is now being made for a future Mulhall to narrate. President Wilson early in his administration, broke the back of the lobby, but somebody has been using the pulpit on it. All the odious methods of invisible government are being exemplified anew.

PLAYING HORSE WITH OUR RIGHTS.

"Drys" in the Legislature are establishing a precedent that may be used to plague them. If a bill restricting the liquor traffic can be exempted from the operations of the referendum, one making concessions to the liquor traffic can be exempted. They are playing with one of the valuable reserve rights of the people.

If a measure partaking as little of an emergency character as one dealing with the liquor traffic is not subject to the referendum, is any measure, no matter how obnoxious to public sentiment, subject to the referendum? To serve a temporary end, the "drys" would break down our direct legislation system.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

Within 13 years Federal engineers have reclaimed 3,000,000 acres of desert land by irrigation. Last year homesteaders on 700,000 acres of it raised crops worth \$25 per acre.

The average cost of the water right is \$40 per acre. Settlers are given 20 years to pay for it, without interest. The Government will irrigate 30,000,000 more acres on these terms.

A million families will find prosperous homes there, repaying the Government for its outlay and adding \$1,000,000,000 yearly to the country's production of new wealth.

On one irrigated tract in Idaho the Government sells electric current, generated by water power, at one-half cent per kilowatt hour. The farmers over a large area light and heat their houses and barns with it; their wives cook with it.

What a pity private enterprise, of whose superior ability we hear so often and so favorably, didn't undertake this job and do it—and the settlers—right. The water right could have been sold for \$50 per acre, and 8 per cent interest could have been collected on unpaid installments.

Instead of letting settlers homestead the land, at a merely nominal acre cost, it could have been sold to them at \$50 to \$150 per acre.

The electric current could have been sold at 6 to 10 cents per kilowatt hour, the rate St. Louis householders pay for current from the Keokuk dam. Less current would have been used, but the rate of profit would have been far higher.

With this shocking example of governmental incompetency before us, we don't see how any conservative citizen can favor Government ownership and operation of a merchant marine service. It would be just like the Government to make shipping rates so low that it couldn't cover its



SUFFICIENT.

Taft: "I am backing the President in his war policy."

JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH by Clark McAdams

PANATELA.

No, Luella,
Mr. Usher's
Guess is nothing
To deride,
Recollecting
That he hit it
On the other
Time he tried.
Having settled
On a planet
Swayed by power
And by pelf,
We cannot
Be any better
Than the planet
Is itself.

Nations fighting
For their scalp locks
Are not interested much
In discussions
Over ethics
Or neutrality
And such.
What they want
Is men and money,
War materials
And food,
And their methods
Of obtaining
These are often
Very rude.

Great moralities
Obtaining
In the pipping
Times of peace,
Are not doing
Much for mortals,
Now the combatants
Increase.
All the monuments
Of culture
Lay with Nineveh
And Tyre,
And to be avenged
For something
Is the average desire.

What we ought
To do, my dearie,
Is to go
Away to Mars,
There to look
Upon the shindy
From the quiet
Of the stars,
No one pulling
For the Germans,
No one plugging
For the French—
All as coyly
As a nurse girl
Eyes a copper
From a bench.

As it is,
My dear Luella,
Usher should
Have offered odds;
Men at best
Are only mortal—
Almost none
Of them are gods.
Wise as Mr. Wilson
May be,
When the play
Grows stale and thin,
Mars will turn
The planet over
And sedately
Dump us in.

ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

ON Lincoln's birthday we try to see Lincoln as he probably was, despite the great myth that has grown about him. Born and raised in Illinois, I knew many people who had known Lincoln, and I have heard them tell about him without end. As a boy I recall having been impressed by the playfulness of Lincoln. There were few old court-houses around which he had not wrestled some other lawyer for the catch-as-catch-can championship of the circuit, or of few old hotels which had not been the scene of some hilarious adventure upon the part of that great man. It seemed that Lincoln was one of those droll wags who lay back in a chair continually thinking up something, and if he so far improved his invention that he could subsequently make the Gettysburg speech, it is no wonder at all, for in those playful days it took wit to think up something. Almost everything had been done to the stage driver that human ingenuity could devise, nor was there any other local character who had not been attended to in that respect. Only Lincoln could think of something else. He always did. He was a joker, Abe Lincoln. In all that Illinois prairie country in which he practiced law, Dull Care went out the window the moment Lincoln came in. He was that rarest of human combinations—a serio-humorist.

OLD-TWO-SEED-IN-THE-SPRIT CHECKS THE BET.

WE are very much pained to observe in advance sheets of the Bulletin of Church Statistics that while the other denominations come bravely forward with their membership now to that compared of a year ago, the Old-Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian sect calmly checks the bet.

A year ago Old-Two-Seed reported thirty-five ministers, fifty-five churches and 781 members, but this time it is not saying what its condition is or whether any of these material assets remain. Still, we cannot believe that anything serious has happened, or that life has so far lost its flavor. Old-Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarianism is one of those respects in which religious liberty in this country keeps itself cheerful. There is no other blithe note like it in all our denominationalism. It makes the gravest Methodist or the hardest-shelled Baptist smile. Here's hoping that the omission of any statistics relating to it in the current church census means nothing worse than that the particular Old-Two-Seed who was to do that forget to send them in.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

HOUSEWIFE.—Ravioli at this office, W. F. G.—To kill mice and rats, leave yeast cakes where they can eat them.

READER.—Ink on carpet: Put on starch a paste of buttermilk and starch, letting it remain two days and washing off with cold water; a second application should be allowed to remain three days. Milk may be used instead of paste.

ETIQUETTE.

INEXPERIENCED.—No present unless he has given you one. Book or picture, if he is intelligent; other presents, cigar case, match safe, box of collars and cuffs, handkerchief or glove case.

DOT.—Bridemaid carries large bouquet on left side in both hands, close to body, not too high; hands hidden. When there is no one who is to give the bride away, bride walks alone, preceded by her maid of honor. After ceremony, bridegroom is "congratulated" and bride is "wished happiness." Not necessary to write congratulations on card accompanying present.

HEALTH HINTS.

M. L. Z.—The trouble may be only natural. Talk with any respectable physician.

ANXIOUS.—The disease you mention can be cured pleasantly, but not quickly, by the right treatment.

MISERABLE.—The commonest neck lump is sebaceous cyst, which can be successfully treated by a surgeon.

JUNE.—In excessive perspiration, clipping hair would be useless. Extreme cases call for perseverence in application of remedies. Use salicylic acid soap in bath at night and morning, and check special points of perspiration by brushing over with tannic lotion: Glycerin, 2 ounces; perchloride of iron, 6 ounces; essence of bergamot, 20 drops. Supplement with this stringent powder: Bismuth alum, 6 grammes; salicylic acid, 24 grammes; starch, 15 grammes; violet talcum powder, 50 grammes. If this affliction seems constitutional, you need a tonic for general health or change of climate.

LAW POINTS.

H. X. Y.—Write Patent Office.

JITNEY.—Will, two witnesses.

I. H. O.—Phone Prosecuting Attorney.

VERY THANKFUL.—Write Patent Office.

GRANITE CITY.—Both parents must sign deed of adoption.

P. D. ONLY.—Phone License Collector, city hall phone.

CITIZEN.—Your query about Circuit Court appeals is not clear. See Clerk, he will tell you about them.

NELLIE.—On death of widowed mother, furniture would go to children, unless will provided otherwise.

X. Y.—After keeping delinquent boarder's baggage six months, landlady advertises and sells it.

W. F. G.—If divorced in Missouri the divorce may marry an Illinois man at any time and live in Illinois.

SINCERELY.—Whether he supports her or not, husband's name is necessary to deed transferring his wife's real estate.

K. F.—In Illinois the surviving husband or wife is endowed with a third part of all the lands owned by the other during the marriage. If the wife were not relinquished in legal form.

STRANGER.—Owner can only oust you and may get small damages (if any); but it will hardly come to that, you being willing to pay all rent accrued. If you expect trouble at any time just vacate immediately.

J. A. R.—Presidential Elector may lawfully vote for whom he pleases, but as Electors are in honor bound to vote for the candidates of the party elected, they do not exercise this freedom of choice.

R. T. R.—Husband has no right to interfere in wife's property, nor the right to endorse her checks or notes. Collect the same. We cannot catch the meaning of your will question.

WIDOW.—Judging from what you state it may be that the sum will be made, but if so the sum will be small (if any); just how much we cannot say. Your case seems doubtful, must determine that. Misstatement of age will not void the policy you have.

GENTLE READER.—Though your patented article is manufactured for you by another (that being cheaper than you doing so) it is not in designating yourself the manufacturer upon your bills, letterheads and stationery.

READER.—Unless you can agree upon compensation, railroad may petition court when commissioners assess the same, parties interested being notified in such case of the action. You could not prevent such exercise of eminent domain, all statutory requirements having been complied with.

G. E.—In extreme cases, courts have held leases justified in vagating and voiding the lease, but how a court may decide about the trouble-some ants and sewer gas we cannot say. Your case seems doubtful, with facts brought out in event of suit may win your case. It's chance you must take. We know of no case in point.

P. D.—To convey your Illinois land, husband's signature necessary to convey his dower. Neither could a will deprive him of his marital rights. Being a resident of Missouri, you may make a will in bank he can claim a child's share, and if a small amount may claim all.

POVERTY.—There is nothing you can do, your mother having by proper conveyance seen fit to have the real estate devised to her absolutely by first husband) decided to herself and second husband. Had she died, her share might have been well for you, but as she did not he took absolutely the entire title.

C. A. H.—The will should have been more specific if intent was to cancel and release you of any indebtedness to the \$400. As we see it (merely from what you state) you are liable for full sum of notes, together with interest and payment; however, nothing stands in your way to resist payment in full and have court construe the will as just what testatrix did mean by that payment clause.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHAUNCEY.—Phone book stores.

CLARICE.—Phone sport goods store.

FRANK FURLONG.—See a job office.

B. A. J.—See civil service, Third and Olive.

PERN.—Bell, 611 Locust; Kinloch, 13th-Locust.

TOM.—Mushrooms may be delivered by parcel post.

P. D.—Aeroplane propeller, 400 revolutions a minute.

JOSEPHINE.—A Polish rebellion was suppressed in 194.

MAG.—Directory, in any drug store, for business addresses.

HOPE.—Phone Walker Hill, Mechanical-American Bank.

SUBSCRIBER.—Only bankers can deposit in reserve banks.

ROBERT.—St. Louis males 244,083, females 248,981—census of 1910.

X. Y. Z.—Shaveland's; it does not make beard grow faster.

CASTLE.—Better use Portland cement in building aquarium castle.

W. E. M.—Small premiums, fractional currency, "if new and crisp."

SOLDIER'S WIDOW.—Confederate money is of no quotable value.

E. E. H.—Not yet decided as to when river packs season will begin.

M. W. J.—Perhaps Salvation Army could seek your California friend.

E. H.—Write Secretary Eugene Smith, Merchants' Exchange office.

HARRY.—Protestant minister marrying a couple does not ask their religion.

MRS. W. O.—Try phoning Father O'Sullivan (214) or report to the priest at St. J.



SHIP BILL RENEWED IN THE SENATE

Senator Burton Speaks While
Democrats Work Out Details
of Compromise Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—While the administration leaders were refraining the ship bill for a new drive in the House, the Republican filibuster blossomed out anew today in the Senate, where Senator Burton spoke for the compromise measure.

Senator Burton took the floor for a speech that promised to last the day and it was apparent that the Republican opposition was prepared to hold its lines firm until the administration compromise took a thoroughly definite form.

Senator Weeks, author of the naval auxiliary bill, which is also a part of the compromise, predicted it could not be accepted in the Senate with the amendments proposed by the administration in the House.

Chairman Padgett of the House Naval Committee introduced a special rule for consideration of the administration proposal and arrangements were made for a caucus of House Democrats Monday night to bind the majority to support it.

The rule would discharge the committee from further consideration of the Weeks naval auxiliary bill, take in the Gore bill and the other amendments as outlined by the administration, cut off all other amendments and allow six hours of general debate, so the entire measure could be put through the House in a single session. It was expected the plan would bring the ship bill before the House Thursday or Friday.

The new bill to be passed through the House probably would contain an appropriation of \$40,000,000 to engage in the shipping business for a period ending two years after the conclusion of the European war. Then the ships would be sold to the Navy or to the merchant marine service in its discretion.

MERCHANT RETIRES, GIVES BUSINESS TO OLD EMPLOYEES

Indiana Says He Owe Gift to
Those Who Helped Him Amass
Competence.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 13.—After many years in the dry goods and general store trade in a residence district, August E. C. Becker, founder of the business, has retired and established his old employees in ownership of the business, which is capitalized at \$15,000.

The concern has been incorporated with officers who are given the plan and business, as follows: President, Ernest C. Gerke; vice-president, Emma Gerke; secretary and treasurer, Louis C. Bremier. The same three form the board of directors. It is understood that the donor retains a small amount of stock.

"I make a gift of this business," said Becker, "to those old employees of mine who have by their industry, industry and salesmanship helped me to establish it. I have money enough. I don't want any more. What I have will keep me as long as I live. I started in business in 1878 and moved to the store on Fairfield avenue in 1881. Bremier has been constantly employed here for 14 years, the others for 10 years. They are my faithful friends. I have no children. I want them to take the place of children."

Becker is a director in the old National Bank of the Tri-State Trust Co. and is heavily interested in the Hotel Telephone Co. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, Missouri synod, to which he has been a steady contributor.

BROTHERS DIE WEEK APART; BOTH JESUIT EDUCATORS

Father James E. Dowling Was Formerly Vice-President of St. Louis University.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—The Rev. Father M. P. Dowling, former president of Creighton College, and a noted Jesuit educator, died here today, a week after the death of his brother, the Rev. Father James E. Dowling, who was a distinguished Jesuit, who died in Chicago.

Father James E. Dowling at one time was vice-president of St. Louis University. In August, 1913, the Rev. M. P. Dowling was taken to St. John's Hospital in St. Louis. His illness at that time was considered so serious that his brother was called from Marquette, Mich.

Father M. P. Dowling, who was 64 years old, had been suffering from a disease of the stomach for some time. He came here several years ago from Omaha to become pastor of St. Aloysius' Church, a large Catholic parish. Under his direction and as a result of his efforts, Rockhurst College, a Jesuit institution, was built in Kansas City.

TODAY IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

SENATE.—Democrats conferred on the ship bill and other proposals, but took no action.

HOUSE.—Debate was continued on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Representative Stephens of California introduced a substitute ship bill. Leaders prepared for a caucus on the administration ship bill.

GRAPE SEEDS.—Per 100 pounds. Quoted: Timothy on basis of latest sales at 25c to 30c for steady and uniform quality. German seed, 30c to 35c; French seed, 35c to 40c; Italian seed, 40c to 45c; Spanish seed, 45c to 50c; Turkish seed, 50c to 55c; Egyptian seed, 55c to 60c; Persian seed, 60c to 65c; Indian seed, 65c to 70c; Chinese seed, 70c to 75c; Japanese seed, 75c to 80c; Korean seed, 80c to 85c; Siam seed, 85c to 90c; Ceylon seed, 90c to 95c; Java seed, 95c to 1.00; Sumatra seed, 1.00 to 1.05; Borneo seed, 1.05 to 1.10; Celebes seed, 1.10 to 1.15; Moluccas seed, 1.15 to 1.20; Philippines seed, 1.20 to 1.25; Java seed, 1.25 to 1.30; Sumatra seed, 1.30 to 1.35; Borneo seed, 1.35 to 1.40; Celebes seed, 1.40 to 1.45; Moluccas seed, 1.45 to 1.50; Philippines seed, 1.50 to 1.55; Java seed, 1.55 to 1.60; Sumatra seed, 1.60 to 1.65; Borneo seed, 1.65 to 1.70; Celebes seed, 1.70 to 1.75; Moluccas seed, 1.75 to 1.80; Philippines seed, 1.80 to 1.85; Java seed, 1.85 to 1.90; Sumatra seed, 1.90 to 1.95; Borneo seed, 1.95 to 2.00; Celebes seed, 2.00 to 2.05; Moluccas seed, 2.05 to 2.10; Philippines seed, 2.10 to 2.15; 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The Jarr Family

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

Poor Mr. Jarr Is Blameless as Usual; but That's All the Good It Does Him.

"FOR the last time, take him out before I shoot!" cried Gus, and he reached for the fire extinguisher.

Covered with copper pennies till he looked like a coppersmith, Mr. Jarr, also realizing that now was the time to retreat before the allies overwhelmed them—for Rangle, Slavinsky and all the rest were grabbing every portable object in the cafe—beckoned to Dinkston to retreat. And the two hurriedly withdrew in good order, Dinkston's hand encountering the bolt and chain on the side door and giving off a last electrical display in the shape of a green glaring flare as when a trolley wheel "arcs" against the feed wire in sleety weather.

There was no place to take Dinkston (who was now complaining his voltage was running low because several of the pennies sticking to him slipped an inch or so) but home. Mr. Jarr walked ahead through the crowd that had gathered, shouting "Hands off! Danger!" And so they made their way into Mr. Jarr's domicile unmolested, the crowd parting to let Dinkston pass at a safe distance.

"It's the first time I ever was a live wire!" murmured the poet. "And now I realize the pride one feels when one realizes one can electrify the crowd!" "You'll be lucky if we are not arrested for stealing electricity," growled Mr. Jarr. "And before you come up into my flat I want you to grab hold of this hall radiator and get rid of some more of that electricity you are packing around. Do you think I'm going to take home a man whose conduct will shock my wife and little ones?"

And to oblige Mr. Jarr he drew off about a thousand watts. But for pride's sake he held out sufficient electrical attraction to hold on to the pennies.

Mrs. Jarr, who had returned before them, admitted them in a silence that could be felt. She led them into the front room, giving orders down the private hall to Gertrude to keep the children away. And then she said to Mr. Jarr, for Dinkston never got blamed for anything—"Well, sir, what have you to say?"

"What have I to say?" repeated Mr. Jarr. "Why, what oration am I expected to deliver?" "You can well ask!" cried Mrs. Jarr. "Oh, you can well ask!"

Mr. Dinkston seated himself in the most comfortable chair and smiled reassuringly at Mr. Jarr, as though to remind that unfortunate man that no matter what he had done, he, Dinkston, felt no spite and held no resentment.

"Everything would have been all right," continued Mrs. Jarr acidly; "everything would have been all right if only you had minded your own business and kept out of other people's affairs. And then to drag me into them! Suppose anything had happened?"

Mr. Jarr's jaw dropped. "Suppose anything had happened?" he asked in turn. "Goodness gracious! What DIDN'T happen?"

"Well, I have nothing to do with it, but please leave me out of your dreadful carryings on next time!" snapped Mrs. Jarr. And then she abruptly turned and asked Dinkston if he would care to have a cup of tea. Mr. Dinkston murmured politely:

"Oh, not in the least, thank you!" And he then gazed sadly at Mr. Jarr, as though trying to figure out if it would not be best to withdraw his moral support from him.

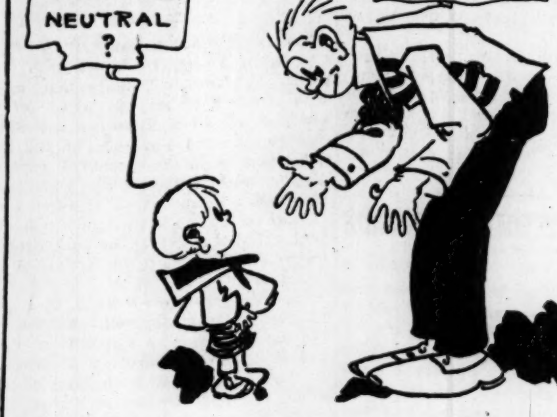
"And what are you doing with all those pennies stuck all over you?" asked Mrs. Jarr, sharply, of Dinkston. Mr. Dinkston explained.

"Well, Mr. Jarr took a lot of pennies out of the children's bank before Christmas," said Mrs. Jarr. "I have no doubt he spent them at Gus' dreadful place!"

And securing her rubber kitchen gloves she despoiled Mr. Dinkston of the contraband copper.

S'MATTER POP?

FOR WHAT DO YA MEAN, WE ARE NEUTRAL?



TAKE FOR INSTANCE TWO COUNTRIES FIGHTING ABOUT SOMETHING—SAY THE WORLD'S TRADE OR COMMERCE

THEY ARE MUCH LIKE TWO BOYS FIGHTING OVER DIVIDING AN APPLE



WE WANT TO BE FRIENDLY WITH BOTH. WE TAKE BOTH THEIR PARTS

AND EAT THEM OURSELF, HUH POP?



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Such Is Life

MAY I INTEREST YOU IN OUR FACE STRAPS WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF CHIN STRAPS, NECK STRAPS, FOREHEAD STRAPS, CHEEK—STRAPS

NO, ALL I WANT IS A FACE MASSAGE AND A SHAMPOO

I SEE SIGNS OF A DOUBLE CHIN THE MUSCLES OF YOUR CHIN ARE FLABBY. THE OUTER SKIN IS GETTING LOOSE ETC. ETC.

NOTICE A WRINKLE ON YOUR FOREHEAD YOUR SKIN IS DRYING UP THE BLOOD IS NOT CIRCULATING FREELY

YOUR CHEEKS ARE TOO SOFT THE CONTOUR OF YOUR FACE IS LOSING ITS FIRMNESS THE MUSCLES ARE SAGGING ETC.

THE SKIN OF YOUR NECK IS WEAK YOU ARE GETTING A BUMP OF FAT ETC. ETC.

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THE tortoise was delighted, so to buy some skates they went. And when at last they reached the store 'twas getting on for Lent.

And March and April came and passed with